



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD JUNE 2024

Congrats to our 2024 Confirmands who were confirmed this month!



Aaren Akama-Makia

Hadley Black

Sam Blankenship

Whit Bowman

Mary Erwin Bright

Madeline Cain

Charly Ann Callaway

Jacqueline Capps

Liza Clark

Mary Carol Daugherty

Evelyn Dickinson

Austin Easley

Mark Ferguson

Kristofer Glason

Lily Gregory

Benjamin Grumbles

Tucker Grumbles

Madelyn Hamra

Mary Hollis Harbour

Mary Hardin Hastings

Raina Haynes

Will Heard

Anne Elizabeth Hester

Graham Israel

Hajun Kim

Leighton Leath

Anne-Catherine Martindale

Ava McGraw

Allie McLarty

Beckett Nolte

Lola Nolte

Evan Claire Paulson

Cate Penick

Will Phillips

Charlie Richter

Grant Roberson

Leighton Robinson

Caroline Rutledge

Charlotte Stotts

Jersey Tuck

Henry Wall

Charlie Wallace

Henry Wallace

Sarah-Katherine Willis

Henry Wolfe



Dear congregation,

We are so excited to announce that effective November 1st, Rev. Katye Chambers will be stepping

into Rev. Abbey Maynard's role as the Pastor of Missions, Justice, and Emerging Ministries.

Between July 1st and November 1st, Rev. Chambers will be the point person for mission and small groups on a part-time basis as she finishes her job at Garrett-Evangelical-Theological Seminary. We are so excited to have Rev. Chambers join us once again as a full-time staff member. You can reach out to Rev. Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.

-Rev. Jay Clark, Executive Pastor



T.J. AND INEZ RANEY
SERIES

New York Times Bestseller
KATE BOWLER



SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER | 9TH | 2024

**ON SUNDAY
JUNE 2,
WORSHIP ON
KATV WILL AIR
FROM 10-11AM**

Rev. Abbey Maynard's

*Going Away
Reception*

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



PHUMC BLOCK PARTY!



**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11
5-7PM**

Summer Book Club with Pastor Kathleen



Starting in June, join Rev. McMurray for her Summer Book Club. We'll meet in the Parlor and discuss these books. Don't have time to read and want some fellowship instead? Feel free to come join us! Questions? Contact Rev. McMurray at kmcmurray@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.



Congratulations to Ted Penick and Quin Clark for receiving the PHUMC Foundation scholarships. Ted won the Jimmy Faulkner Youth Basketball scholarship, and Quin received the Little Joe and the BKs scholarship. Both students will be attending University of Arkansas next Fall. To learn more about the PHUMC Foundation and its scholarships, go to phumcfoundation.org or contact Virginia Porta at vporta@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.



WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

This past month, our PHUMC Wakefield Tutor Team celebrated the end of the school year by hosting a pizza party for Wakefield students who participated in tutoring. We also provided snacks, drinks, sweet treats, and a catered Taziki's meal to teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. We appreciate all the hard work these teachers, tutors, and volunteers have put in to help educate and support these children!

Wakefield Elementary School is located in Southwest Little Rock, and 99.5% of students have free/reduced lunch. Our church has a strong partnership with the

school and works with Wakefield in the following ways:

- **Tutoring** — Tutors assist students with reading and homework once a week.
- **Food Pantry** — We provide food for families of students and bring it to the school.
- **Teacher Appreciation** — We provide teachers with lunch, snacks, and other gifts throughout the year to remind them that they are supported and appreciated.
- **Give a Kid a Chance** — We give school supplies, backpacks, and uniforms for children at the beginning of school to help them be able to focus on succeeding in the classroom.
- **Christmas Gifts** — Our church sponsors children to provide them Christmas gifts.

If you are interested in getting involved with any one of our programs at Wakefield Elementary School, go to phumc.com/wakefield to learn more.

30 YEARS

Thank you for your service,
Theresa



This past month we celebrated Finance Associate, Theresa Smith, for her 30-year anniversary of working at Pulaski Heights UMC. Thank you Theresa for your hard work, dedication, and kind presence in your 30 years of ministry!

CARING MINISTRIES

Caring Ministries is an important part of what we do at PHUMC to care for each other. We are looking for volunteers to drive vans on Sundays, drive people to the doctor, and visit people in nursing homes and assisted living facilities! If this sounds like a place you'd be able to give some of your time to serve, contact Rev. Daniel Curry at dcurry@phumc.com or 501-664-3600!

RECYCLE PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Bring your used printer cartridges to the church!



Help PHUMC by recycling your used printer cartridges! You can bring them to the Donation Station outside of Entrance 9 or the Welcome Desk. We partner with Office Depot to get \$20/month to use on office supplies when we bring them these cartridges. Questions? Contact Emily Stotts 501-664-3600 or estotts@phumc.com.

Preschool parents, we hope you can join us for our next Preschool Playdate on **Sunday, June 9** from **3:00-5:00PM** at the Museum of Discovery for an afternoon of fellowship, discovery, and fun! Families can experience all the exhibits and then gather at 4:30 to learn All About Animals in the theater. RSVP by contacting Kristie at kfinney@phumc.com or 501-664-3600 or Pam at plentz@phumc.com! Children are admitted for free and \$5 for adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

PHUMC PRESCHOOL
PLAYDATE @ [museum of discovery](http://museumofdiscovery.com)

SUNDAY | JUNE 9
3:00-5:00PM

RSVP: PHUMC.COM/PRESCHOOL-PLAYDATE



PHUMC FOUNDATION MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for these endowments: Crowder Caring Ministry Endowment, Engstrom Family Endowment, Lovers of the Food Pantry Endowment, Martin Family Youth Endowment, PHUMC Youth Endowment, Sanders Music Endowment, Villines Family Endowment, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Bob Baine by Beth Baine
Claire Dunn by Bev Villines
Bruce Engstrom by Bev Villines
Lucien Farrell by Bev Villines
Ceile Faulkner by Bob and Pam Raney
Becky Fitzhugh by Bev Villines, and Anonymous
Paul Floyd by Charles and Jan Sullivan, and Bev Villines
Carolyn Gill by Bev Villines
Shaun Hillis by Bev Villines
John C Hoy by Bev Villines
Bill Huey by Bev Villines
Don Knutson by Bev Villines
Garth Martin by Anita Jones, Koinonia Dialogue Class, Vaughn and Jan McQuary, and Penny and Gordon Wilbourn
Dr. Gem Moore by Bev Villines
Betty Penrod by Bev Villines
Raye Rogers by Mary Warrick, and Bev Villines
Frank Ross by Bev Villines
Marjean Rowe by Bev Villines, and Anonymous
Otis Schiller by Bev Villines
Zula Spratt by Bev Villines, and Anonymous
Joni Roberts Stover by Bev Villines
Judy Strohm by Bev Villines, and Anonymous
Bill Taylor by Bev Villines
Gary Villines by Richard and Betty Gene Mann, and Bev Villines

Honoraria

Karen Clark by Bev Villines
Quin Clark by Freddie Nixon
Rev. Daniel and Harper Purifoy Curry by Bev Villines
Jim Gaston by James Gaston
Pat Hoy by Cathy Pursell, Crata Castleberry, Stephanie Atchley, Joellen Lambiotte, and Katherine Jefferson
Rev. Ellen Rowland by Bev Villines

New Members

David Briscoe, John David, Bailey, and Nora Guthrie, Debbie and Biff Morgan, and Mackenzie Reed by Anonymous

Baptisms

Lucy Blank, Gigi Case, Tessa Davis, Rainer Hines, Robert Hodges, Bowen McGrath, and Patrick Todd by Anonymous

Dear PHUMC Family:

In the spring of 2022, I wrote a church-wide letter emphasizing that despite the emergence of a new Methodist denomination (Global Methodist Church) and the disaffiliation process in the United Methodist Church well underway, nothing would be different at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, as we would continue doing what we have been doing for generations. Namely, participating in the great work of Jesus Christ both locally and across the world. That has indeed been the case.

With the recent changes in the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline that have immediate effect, I once again stress to you that we will remain a part of the United Methodist Church and keep moving forward with the role we play as leaders in our denomination, not only across the state of Arkansas, but throughout the country. I have been publicly vocal, as has our staff, that all people are of sacred worth, and anyone who seeks to be a part of our fellowship is welcome. We believe that the invitation to share in the joy of worship and work for Christ's sake comes at His invitation. So, we keep moving forward proclaiming the Good News to everyone.

I am fully aware that not everyone agrees with the changes made at our denomination's recent General Conference. However, one of our greatest strengths has been our willingness to have different points of view but continue to worship the same Lord.

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church has an obligation to open our arms as wide as possible to a world in desperate need of hope. That hope comes in offering Jesus Christ through our many ministries and people.

Thank you for your commitment to be a part of all we seek to accomplish. Full speed ahead!

In the name of Christ,
Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS



6/01

SOMA PRIDE SETUP | 6 AM- 10 AM

Come help set up the inaugural Pride event in SoMa. Email Brooke at bhobbs@phumc.com to register.

6/06

ARKANSAS TRAVELERS GAME | 6:30 PM

Buy your own ticket and we'll meet at Dickey Stephens Park in North Little Rock! \$3 ticket night!

6/15

BRUNCH • LR FARMER'S MARKET | 10 AM

Meet at Big Bad Breakfast downtown at 10 AM. After brunch, we will head to the Farmer's Market in the River Market.

6/25

PICKLEBALL PARTY | 5:30 PM

Come to the Argue Great Hall (gym) at the ~~Walt~~ play pickleball and have a snack supper.



It's not too late to register for Vacation Bible Camp! 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. Sign up by going to phumc.com/VBC!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



JUNE 24-27

PHUMC.COM/VBC

New this summer, the whole family is invited to Camp Firelight, even if you can't make Vacation Bible Camp during the day! On Thursday, June 27th, 5-7pm, we will have crafts, snacks, and worship! RSVP at phumc.com/night-at-camp. Questions? Contact Pam Lentz at plentz@phumc.com or Kristie Finney at kfinney@phumc.com.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Wendy Efir and family in the death of her aunt, Jo Anne Efir; to Martha Mitchell and family in the death of her husband George Mitchell; to Karen Clark and Quin Clark in the death of her mother and his grandmother, June Qualheim; to the family and friends of Jack Myers; to Sara Ragan, Monica Mills, Hayden Mills, Abigail Stover, Anna Grace Mills and families in the death of their husband, father, and grandfather, Norris Ragan; and to Grant Humphries, Tucker and Hudson Humphries in the death of their mother and grandmother, Sarah Kay Humphries

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Clayton Eugene Carpenter, grandchild of Sarah Bunker and Ashley Morrison; of William August Teegarden, child of Trenton and Rev. Jessie Teegarden; Archer "Archie" Roy Tribett, child of Ashley and Archer Tribett, and grandchild of Kim and Steve Tribett.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Sally Barnes and Will Clark in their recent marriage; and to Jo Wiess and Mike Komm in their recent marriage



WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Emily Kate Jones, child of Katherine and Alex Jones.

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



We had such a wonderful time at Senior Bingo! We honored our (high school) seniors and enjoyed some intergenerational Bingo complete with prizes! Thank you to all of our youth and our Primetimers who came and participated!

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

Grab a Dale The Donut & Take Him With You on Your Vacation!



Donuts are going to be taking a break this Summer, but don't worry, you can take Dale the Donut with you on your Summer adventures! Pick up a Dale the Donut cutout at the Welcome Desk, bring him with you on your adventures, take some photos with him and tag the church on social media! Donuts will return in August when school starts.

Thank you!



Thanks to you, we were able to donate 469 eclipse glasses to Astronomers Without Borders to be used by children looking at the next solar eclipse!

June Primetimers Luncheon

Featuring Kerry McCoy, owner of Flag & Banner

Thursday, June 20 11:30AM PHUMC GYM \$10
 RSVP: PHUMC APP Call 501-664-3600 Front Desk

[phumc.com/primetimers](https://www.phumc.com/primetimers)

JUNE STAFF BIRTHDAYS!

Kathleen McMurray - June 4
 Corey Jones - June 16

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 1,127,663
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 57,500
Other Income	\$ 29,346
Total Income	\$ 1,214,509
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,573,042
Tithe Payment payable*	\$ 29,291
Total Expenses	\$ 1,602,333
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (387,824)