



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD SEPTEMBER 2024

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18TH

Wednesday Nights at PULASKI HEIGHTS

Adult Classes

Fall Term 1-2 (10 weeks | Sept. 18-Nov. 20)

- **Book of Hebrews** - Dr. Robbins+
- **What We Believe Adult Confirmation** - Rev. McMurray

Fall Term 1 (5 weeks | Sept. 18-Oct. 16)

- **Balancing Act: Caring for the Whole Family** - Rev. Curry

Fall Term 2 (5 weeks | Oct. 23-Nov. 20)

- **The Gospel of John** by Amy Jill-Levine - Rev. Clark
- **Caring Assertiveness: Relating Directly, Honestly, and With Respect** - Dr. Hampton

+ Dr. Robbins' Bible Study will also occur in-person on Wednesdays at 10AM in the Mirror Room & stream live on Facebook & YouTube at 6PM

5:00-5:50: Meal

5:00-6:45: Midyouth

6:00-6:45: Classes, Children's Programming, Youth Study Hall

6:30-8:00: Chancel Choir

6:45-8:15: Modern Band Rehearsal, Youth Bible Study

Children & Youth

- **Childcare for parents in classes** - 6:00-6:45PM (Infants & Toddlers) Room D27L, (Preschool) Room D267.*
- **Children's Activities** - 6:00-6:45PM -K-4th Grade - M119 (Room S357)*
- **midyouth (5th-7th)** - 5:00-6:45PM - 5th-7th grade youth - Argue Great Hall
- **phyouth Study Hall** - 6:00-6:45PM - 8th-12th grade youth - Youth Lounge
- **phyouth Bible Study** - 6:45-8:15PM - 8th-12th grade youth - Youth Lounge

*Registration for children is requested. go to phumc.com/wnkids

Music

- **Chancel Choir** - 6:30-8:00PM - Choir Room - Interested in joining the choir? Contact Frode Gundersen at fgundersen@phumc.com
- **Modern Worship Team** - 6:45-8:15PM - Wesley Hall - Want to get involved with A/V or music? Contact Trenton Teegarden at tteegarden@phumc.com or Brooke Hobbs at bhobbs@phumc.com

WANT MORE INFO? GO TO PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYS



For 15 years, PHUMC has sent a surgical team to Chichicastenango in Guatemala. This year our team of eighteen provided surgical services for sixty-one patients doing both major and minor procedures. Chichicastenango is a town surrounded by many small villages in Guatemala where the

nearest surgical care is about a three-hour bus trip away. We partner with Project Salud Y Paz, a local non-profit who helps coordinate our trips from lodging to translators to assisting in finding our location for surgeries. What started as a team operating in one room has expanded to renting out a whole hospital floor for a week.

Our team is a close-knit group of professionals who especially enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with local physician Dr. Ernesto. He scrubbed in with us for surgeries during the week and will provide the follow up post operative care for patients while staying in touch with the surgeons back in Arkansas.

We have already started planning for next year! If you'd like to learn more about this ministry or donate, go to phumc.com/guatemala. All donations go directly to medical equipment and supplies!



NOVEMBER 9TH, 2024 6:00-7:30PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED, SPOTS LIMITED
REGISTRATION OPENS SEPT. 3
PHUMC.COM/RANEY

limited.

Kate Bowler, PhD, is a 4-time New York Times bestselling author, award-winning podcast host, and professor at Duke University. You can read her full bio by going to katebowler.com. For questions about the Raney Series, call the church office or email phumc@phumc.com.

Our 2024 Raney Series with Kate Bowler will be Saturday, November 9th from 6:00-7:30pm. Registration will open at phumc.com/raney on Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:30am. You can also register by calling the church office at 501-664-3600. Spots are

When the Children's Learning Center (CLC) closed earlier this year, it opened the opportunity for us to discern and dream about how the space that had been used as the daycare and after-school programs could continue to be a space that serves our neighbors in Hillcrest and across Central Arkansas in a meaningful, missional way.

While some of the space will continue to be utilized by Children's Ministry for Sunday morning and special programs, some of the space can also be repurposed for other uses. We invite you to complete our congregational survey by going to phumc.com/survey or scanning the QR code above to provide your feedback to help us dream about how to use the previous CLC spaces in new and creative ways. This, along with feedback from the community, will be used to develop recommendations to our church Board of Trustees. The survey will close on Tuesday, October 1st. Questions? Contact Rev. Katye Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.

TAKE OUR SPACE SURVEY



PHUMC.COM/SURVEY

Our **Board of Stewards** met for our third meeting of the year in mid-August. Here are the reports that were shared.

- A Charge Conference was convened to seek the Board of Stewards' approval to begin updating the membership status of individuals on the PHUMC rolls. Last year, the Board received a list of names for a first reading, as required by the Book of Discipline, to initiate changes in membership status. Following a second reading, any remaining names could be updated to "prior member" status. This initial list included individuals with little to no contact information, and the change was approved by the Board. Additionally, a new list of approximately 950 names was presented for a first reading. These individuals had no contact with the church since 2021 and were contacted by letter regarding their membership status, with non-respondents or those requesting removal included on the list. The large number of names resulted from the church's first membership audit since 1993. The Board approved the list, which will be presented for a second reading next year (the list can be found at phumc.com/membership-names-list). The conference was then adjourned.
- Children's Ministry showed that our children are in excellent hands. They are learning what it means to be a Christian not only in the traditional Sunday School setting but in the many other opportunities PHUMC presents for these children. Thanks were expressed for the wonderful work Pam and Kristie are doing for the life of our church.
- The Finance Committee shared that our finances are in line with where we expect to be this time of year.
- SPRC shared that Dr. Hampton will return on September 1st and that Rev. Chambers will come on full-time on November 1st. In addition they have been working on updating our employee handbook.
- The PHUMC Foundation shared that they have continued to increase their direct support to PHUMC. They are working on a potential new endowment fund related to the T.J. and Inez Raney Lectureship Series.
- The Board of Trustees shared that our Artwork Committee has done some great work. They are appraising art, repairing art, and cataloging art around the church. The Trustees are also reviewing and implementing upgrades to security. We finalized a contract for a new elevator and we are selling our old church vans.
- Dr. Robbins first praised our talented and hard-working staff. He also shared in his Pastor's report that fall events are starting up. We have a lot to be excited about from Bible studies, Wednesday Nights, and Kate Bowler speaking for the Raney Series. We are also looking into creating an Administrative Council to make the fundamental decisions of the church. This body will meet more often than the Board of Stewards currently does. This will make the Board of Stewards more of an informational body of the church. Stay tuned for more information.
- Lastly, Rev. Chambers shared that we have created a "Dream Team" to look into how best to utilize the CLC space. They are surveying the congregation and the community to best see how we can best use the space to serve our neighbors in Hillcrest and across Central Arkansas in a meaningful, missional way.

Overall, we are excited for the direction that our church is going and look forward to seeing where God leads our congregation. If you would like any more information about our Board of Stewards, contact chair Sylvia Borchert at sborchert1024@gmail.com.

PHUMC MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for Diaper Bank, Food Pantry, Helping Hands, Music Special Fund, Ozark Mission Project, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Dale Adcock by Carol Camp, and Martha Haguewood
Lesse Castleberry by Daina and Kevin Newcomb
Kathy Hill by Wally and Julie Allen, and Barbara Hoover
Scott Holtz by Brian Paul Holtz
Todd Holtz by Brian Paul Holtz
Bonnie Jean Kelley by Rick Fleetwood, Anne Hill, and Carolyn Scruggs
Betty Mabry by Barbara and Dr. Mack Moore
Jerry Matthew by Kathy Adkisson, Erwin & Company, P.A., Mack and Donna McLarty, and Skip and Billie Rutherford
Mike McGibbony by Wally and Julie Allen
Lucky Meinholz by Fathomers Class, Fred and Annadell Fowler, and John and Dee Ostner
Dr. George Mitchell by Kathryn and Tommy May, Ann Die Hasselmo, and Robert Jolly
Michael Ptak by Marilyn Hill
Norris Ragan by Susan and David Haupt
Damon Roper by Carolyn George
Dora Lee Showalter by Newton Good News Class
Judy Strohm by Mark and Kathleen Johnson

Honoraria


Lee and Nancy Archer by Leah Mohlke and Terry Rhodes
Dr. Jeff Hampton by Anthony and Bailey Bean
Grace Jones by Ashley Gold
Dr. John Robbins by Jane Coker, and Elizabeth Smith
Kyle Roper by Carolyn George
Lacy K Roper by Carolyn George
Sydney Roper by Carolyn George

CONNECT FAIR

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH AND WHERE YOU CAN CONNECT!

FIND YOUR PLACE!
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
 10:00-11:00AM
 JIM ARGUE GREAT HALL (GYM)

PHUMC BLOCK PARTY!



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11
 5-7 PM
 WOODLAWN DR.
 FREE FOOD, GAMES, AND LOTS OF FUN!
 RAIN LOCATION: ARGUE GREAT HALL

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCT. 27 3-5PM
 LOWER PARKING DECK

PHUMC.COM/TRUNK-OR-TREAT



YOUTH
WORSHIP
CAMP

This month we held our third annual Youth Worship and Audio/Visual Camp! Students learned about leading worship, playing their instruments, the ins-and-outs of what it takes to produce a worship service, performed for Helping Hands, and had a lot of fun!

PHUMC CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS:

Orgiano Duo

September 22 @ 3PM

Featuring:
Scott Montgomery, organ
Frode Gundersen, piano

Pulaski Heights UMC Sanctuary

PHUMC is so excited to present Orgiano Duo! Our own Dr. Frode Gundersen will be performing with renowned organist, Scott Montgomery from Central UMC in Fayetteville on Sunday, September 22nd at 3:00PM in the PHUMC Sanctuary! You won't want to miss this!

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUPS

PHUMC.COM/YAM

We have two small group opportunities for young adults this fall on Monday evenings at 6pm:

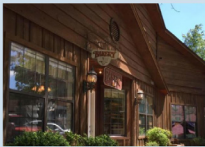
1. For ages 27-40: Rev. Kathleen McMurray will lead a group for 10 weeks (Sept. 16th - Nov. 18th) that will continually ask this hard question: How is it with your soul?
2. For ages 26 and under: Adulting is hard, but it is a lot easier when you have community! Join Rev. Jay and Karen Clark for a time of small group community for 5 weeks (Oct. 21 - Nov. 18th).

Sign up at phumc.com/yam! Questions? Contact Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs at bhobbs@phumc.com or 501-664-3600!

PHUMC FOOD PANTRY

Exciting things are happening at our PHUMC Food Pantry! We are adding pantry staples to our monthly bags (salt, butter, oil, etc.). We are also increasing the amount of meat we provide. We've been blessed by an expansion of a UAMS grant so we now make 60 bags for families of UAMS Cancer Patients. Lastly, we have begun to help get clients signed up for SNAP benefits. We are so grateful for your continued donations and support!

Primetimers and Friends



Thursday,
Sept. 12
2:45-7:15PM

Visit The Country Village, Star City

RSVP by calling the church office at 501-664-3600 or signing the Reservation book at the Welcome Desk. Deadline to RSVP is Monday, September 8th

THANK YOU!

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE OVER \$6,000 TO PURCHASE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 571 STUDENTS AT WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Our phyouth and midyouth are back in full swing! Go to phumc.com/youth to learn more and sign up for text updates!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 9:00 Classic Service Only
- 10:30 KATV Classic Service
- No Children's Sunday School & Limited Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 Modern Service Only

September Primetimers Luncheon

Todd Yakoubian, Fox 16/KARK

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| RSVP: | Thursday Sept. 26 |
| PHUMC APP | 11:30AM |
| Call 501-664-3600 | Great Hall |
| Front Desk | \$10 |

phumc.com/primetimers

We have received a request for feminine hygiene products from the Pulaski County Detention Center: CSI Women's Re-entry Division Unit. We will be collecting donations until September 13th. Donations can be left at the Donation Station at Entrance 9 or at the front desk. All items should be new and unopened. Questions: Contact Emily Stotts, estotts@phumc.com

Needs are: Bar Soap, Brushes, Combs, Conditioner, Deodorant, Hair Ties, Pads, Poise, Shampoo, Tampons, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the family and friends of Betty Mabry in her death; to the family and friends of Reita Walker Miller in her death; to Woody Harrelson, Caroline, Ava, Jake and Ryan Harrelson in the death of their mother and grandmother, Susanne Harrelson; to Bev Villines, Corey Brooks and family in the death of their brother and uncle, Thurman Couch; to Chris Logan and family in the death of his mother, Joyce Logan; to Judy Irwin, Jill Penick, and Clark Irwin and families in the death of their mother and grandmother, Dora Lee Showalter; to Spence Churchill and Kristen Trulock and family in the death of his wife and her mother, Kathy Churchill; and to Fae Seay and family in the death of her son, Mike Rowand.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Lyla Ann Morgan, child of Blair and Jack Morgan and grandchild of Susan and Michael Manley; Murphy Alice Moore, child of Erica and Robert Moore; of Winthrop Aldrich Rockefeller, child of Taylor and Colin Rockefeller and grandchild of Lisenne Rockefeller; of Miles James Ptak, child of Carly Podolsky and Shinn Ptak, and grandchild of Jacque Ptak; of Halle Blake Dillahunty, child of Audrey and Bryan Dillahunty and grandchild of Pat Dillahunty and great grandchild of Bud and Joy Dillahunty.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Mallory McGeorge and Cole Morgan on their recent marriage.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Eloise Bates, child of Devin and Laura Bates; of Elizabeth Anne Doramus, child of Anne Marie and Joe Doramus, and grandchild of Mark and Laura Doramus; of Jesse Harbison, child of Alex and Kyndal Harbison; of Archer Roy Tribett, child of Archer and Ashley Tribett and grandchild of Steve and Kim Tribett; of Ashley Tribett; and of Amelia Grace Sitler, child of Rachel and Collin Sitler and grandchild of Dr. John and Susan Robbins.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Mary Ann Lee; Kristen Coppola; Kaitlyn Myers; Erica and Robert Moore;



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



There are a few excited events coming up for phkids!

September 8: Third Grade Bibles: We will give out Bibles to our third grade students at 9AM Classic and 11AM Modern worship! Parents, go to [phumc.com/third-grade-bibles/](https://www.phumc.com/third-grade-bibles/) to ensure your student receives their Bible!

September 15: Acolyte Training: For new and returning acolytes! We will go over protocols and instructions, then have a pizza party in the Gathering Hall. RSVP at [phumc.com/acolyte](https://www.phumc.com/acolyte).

October 6: Childrens Choir: Children's Choir will return on Sunday, October 6 from 4-5pm. We will rehearse weekly until performing at Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 1!

If you have any questions about any of these events, contact Pam Lentz at plentz@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600! You can see what's happening at [phumc.com/kids/](https://www.phumc.com/kids/)!



Dr. Jeff Hampton has completed two books during his time away! "Meditations in Black and White: Beyond

the Comfort Zone, 3rd Expanded Edition" and "More Meditations: Building Faith and Relationships". These books are available at [jefferybhamptonbooks.com](https://www.jefferybhamptonbooks.com) Amazon, Barnes & Noble, iBooks and wherever fine books are sold. We are so proud of Dr. Hampton's work and ministry.

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

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| Member Contributions | \$ 2,310,365 |
| PHUMC Foundation Contributions | \$ 95,000 |
| Other Income | \$ 42,268 |
| Total Income | \$ 2,447,633 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 2,887,965 |
| Tithe Payment payable | \$ 133,008 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 3,020,973 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | \$ (573,340) |