

# TOWER NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2024

# HANGING OF THE GREENS CHRISTMAS EVE

An old church tradition of preparing the sanctuary for the Christmas season with music and liturgy led by children and youth

December 1 | 5pm | Sanctuary

#### **SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING**

For those struggling with grief or loneliness during the holiday season, come for a service of lament, prayer, and a word of hope

December 8 | 5pm | Sanctuary

#### **SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

December 15 | 9 & 11am | All services

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**DECEMBER 24** 

Modern Candlelight Communion 12 & 6pm | Wesley Hall

Classic Candlelight Communion 2, 6, & 8pm | Sanctuary

Children & Family Christmas Eve 4pm | Argue Great Hall

Classic Candlelight Communion 11pm | Sanctuary

Want an opportunity to bring Christmas cheer to a family? Here's your chance! PHUMC is sponsoring over 200 Wakefield Elementary children for Christmas, and we need sponsors to purchase items on the lists these children and their

Sponsor a family for Christmas at Wakefield Elementary

email: ndelacerda@comcast.net

siblings have prepared! Sponsor packets will be mailed the Friday before Thanksgiving, and gifts are due back to the church on Sunday, December 8th.

If you would like to sign up please email Nancy Delacerda at ndelacerda@comcast.net, and let her know how many children you would like to sponsor and what address you would like the packet mailed to. If you've got questions please call Nancy at 501-517-4609 or the church at 501-664-3600. You can also give money by going to <a href="mailto:phumc.com/give">phumc.com/give</a> and selecting Christmas Families.



Our refresh of the Norma Story building continues! Take a peek in our children's Sunday School classrooms and hallways and you'll see some new paint and great art from Shelley Gentry! More updates are coming. Questions or want to help? Contact Pam Lentz at plentz@phumc.com or call 501-664-3600.

Our church offices will be closed Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving. If you need to contact a pastor, call 501-664-3600 to reach the Pastor on Call.

Our Church Board of Stewards met in October for our annual Charge Conference discussing what our church has accomplished this year and looking forward to next year!

- Two of our high school seniors, Meredith Gadberry and Walker Lampley, spoke about the importance of all of our Youth Ministry offerings in their lives and callings. A panel of more youth and volunteers also shared about what a thriving and youth-led ministry we have for over 200 students each month.
- The Board of Stewards continued approval for two candidates for ministry from PHUMC: Grace Rogers & Rachel Shepherd. We also approved Linda Powell as a Certified Lay Servant
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- Lay leadership from the Nominations Committee was approved. You can see a full list of committees at <u>phumc.com/church-leadership</u>. This included moving from a Board of Stewards model to an Administrative Board model. The Administrative Board is comprised of nine at-large members, the chairs of Trustees, Finance, SPRC, Lay Leader, and when applicable, the Building Committee Chair. Additionally, Dr. Robbins, Rev. Jay Clark, and Megan Rugg will serve from the staff
- Our Finance Committee proposed a budget increase of 4.9% that was unanimously approved by the body.
- The PHUMC Foundation shared that they are healthy and fortunate. You can see the 20th Anniversary Report by going to <u>phumc.com/foundation-report</u>. They've also created the Ceile Erwin Faulkner Helping Hands Endowment account.
- The Board of Stewards passed a resolution that permitted the closing of the Raney Trust Agreement. This allowed the money in the Trust to be donated to the church and permitted the creation of a new Raney Endowment that will be overseen by the PHUMC Foundation so that the lectureship series the Raney family created years ago will continue. The Board also applauded Bobby and Pam Raney for their continued support with this vital ministry.
- Dr. Robbins shared that all our missions, ministries, and volunteer efforts are very strong. We are more visible than ever and living out our calling as a leader in United Methodism around the state, country, and globe. He also shared the staff goal of raising our budget by Christmas as opposed to the end of December. That way our rather than the last week of December. In addition, he shared that we will be starting a Capital Campaign in 2025 to care for and prepare the facilities of PHUMC for the next 75 years. This will include elevators, brick repair, A/C units, plumbing, and much more.

Overall, we are excited for the direction that our church is moving and look forward to 2025. If you would like any more information about our Board of Stewards, contact chair Sylvia Borchert at <a href="mailto:sborchert1024@gmail.com">sborchert1024@gmail.com</a>.



Last month we completed the Spirit of Arkansas Diaper Drive. Through diapers and monetary donations, we collected 100,472 diapers, which exceeded our goal by over 10,000! Thanks to Edwards Food Giant and **KATV-Channel 7 for** partnering with the Diaper Bank for the 5th straight year

to make all of this possible! A special thanks to Entergy Arkansas and All My Sons Moving & Storage for helping us unpack and count diapers.



Phlittles and their families are invited to gather at the PHUMC Gym on Sunday, November 3rd from 3:30-5:00PM! Join us for games, snacks, and creative art activities with old friends and new as we prepare

to celebrate a month of thankfulness. RSVP by going to phumc.com/preschool-playdate.

## **SUMMER 2025**

OMP: June 8-12: 7th-12th

Guatemala: Dates TBD: 10th-12th, Application Only

Midyouth Service & Learning Days: July 7-9

Assembly: July 14th-18th; 7th-12th

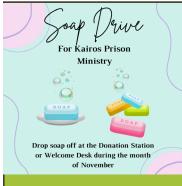
Leadership Learning Pilgrimage: May 29 - June 1; Sr. High Lead-Team Members & Alumni Our phyouth Service and Learning trips registration are now open! Go to phumc.com/ youth to register! Questions? Contact Heather Doherty at hdoherty@phumc. com or 501-664-3600.



PHUMC United Women in Faith
BAKE SALE



Sunday, November 24th 8:30AM - 12:30PM Gathering Hall and Wesley Hall Welcome Center



Throughout the month of November we are collecting soap for the Kairos Prison Ministry. This soap will go to ladies at McPherson Women's Unit. You can drop off soap at the Donation Station or Wesley Hall Welcome Area.



Young adults, join us for a Christmas party potluck and ornament exchange on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6pm in Wesley Hall. Bring your favorite food, and we'll have a treemendously good time together!

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF

YOUR LOVED ONES!

#### phumc.com/poinsettia

Christmas poinsettias 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a loved one are available for \$20 each beginning November 1st. They will be placed in the sanctuary during Advent and may be picked up in the Gathering Hall after Christmas. Orders will close on **December 15th** and will be listed in the December 22nd bulletin as well as the January Tower Newsletter. 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! Contact Theresa Smith at tsmith@phumc. com with any questions.



United Methodist Church!



Over 130 youth came to our Youth Bonfire Night last month! They ate food, fellowshipped, and had a lot of fun! Thank you to the Hoskyns for allowing us to use their farm!



Deck The Hall! We need YOUR help by creating paper chains that will turn the Wesley Hall stage into a Winter Wonderland this Advent. Stop by the Gathering Hall or Wesley Hall lobby to pick up supplies and learn more! Fun for all ages. Questions? Contact Trenton Teegarden at tteegarden@

phumc.com

#### **PHUMC MEMORIALS & HONORARIA**

The following gifts were received for Diaper Bank, Guatemala Mission Fund, Television Ministry Fund, and the glory of God.

#### Memorials

**Kathy Churchill** by Rebecca Miller **Joyce Logan** by Wally and Julie Allen, and Barbara and Dr. Mack Moore

Jerry Matthew by Koinonia
Dialogue Class
Mike McGibbony by Robin Smith

Lucky Meinholz by Barbara and Vernon Boyett, and Dr. Charles Sullivan

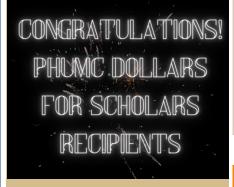
Reita Walker Miller by Mack and Donna McLarty

Dora Lee Showalter by Nancy and David Bartlett, Bo and Sunny Hawk, Lynn Monk, Ed and Anne Penick, and Beverly Sullenger Wanda Smith by Joe Finney Dale Stanton by Linda Eubank

#### <u>Ho</u>noraria

Branton Ray Hays by Connie Schutt **Dr. John Jones** by Laura and Mark Doramus

Dr. John Robbins by Bill Arthurs



Congratulations to our 2024 **Dollars For Scholars Recipients** from PHUMC!

- Katherine Robinson Hendrix College
- Jayden B. Childers- Hendrix College
- Riley G. Brady Hendrix College
- Hays W. Laidlaw Hendrix College
- Jack H. Forrest Southern **Methodist University**
- · Jacob T. Collier-Tenison Hendrix College
- · Samuel A. Collier-Tenison -Hendrix College
- Phoebe K. Sanders- American University
- Sophie A. Sanders -Hendrix College



Columbarium | Sunday, nov. 3 | 5:30-6:00PM





# **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED** to Jennifer Garland and Dale Garland in the death of their family member, Tom Capps; to Larry Yancey, Andrew Yancey, Leo & Mae Yancey and family, in the death of their wife, mother, & grandmother, Eve Yancey; to Trey, Amanda, William, and Katherine Groce in the death of their mother and grandmother, Luann Denison; to Frances Ross and Mike Ross in the death of her husband and his father, Dr. Gene Ross; to Patrick Herron and family in the death of his mother, Betty Herron; to the family and friends of Sarah Davis; to Bill Wilson and family in the death of his sister, Ann Fincher; to Dr. Kathy Chenault and family in the death of her mother, Mary Davis; and to Sandra Tindall and family

#### WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of

Evelyn Alaine Giles, child of Richmond and Molly Giles; and of Anna Angela Branstetter son of Christian and Dylan Branstetter and grandchild of Angela Lovett.

in the death of her brother, Mike Tindall.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to Shirley Jones and Sammy High in their recent marriage.

#### WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of

Linnea and Vance Woodard, children of Kent and Sarah Woodard; of Robert West McSpadden child of Sam and Anna-Lee Pittman McSpadden; of Hank Eliot Gooch, child of Bess and Simon Gooch; and of Lachlan Wistrand, child of Whitney McClellan.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Amy Sullivan, Daniel Frazier, Erin and Walter McSpadden, Bill & Ann Wilson, Lindy Fair, and Markett and Diana Humphries.

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**Church Office Hours:** 

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



Men of Pulaski Heights, join us as we launch First Friday Breakfasts starting on Friday, December 6th at 7:00am. We'll eat, fellowship, and hear from a speaker about how their faith or a spiritual practice has had a positive impact on their life. Our December speaker is Dr. John Robbins. RSVP by going to <a href="mailto:phumc.com/men/">phumc.com/men/</a>.

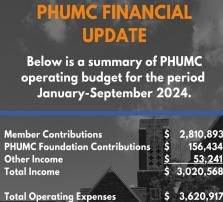
One of our newest ministries. PHMen, seeks to be a supportive and welcoming community for men in all life stages. The goal is that they can find their own space in the church for fellowship, discipleship, and outreach. Questions or want to learn

about other offerings? Contact Trenton Teegarden at <a href="teegarden@phumc.com">tteegarden@phumc.com</a>.





they look great! Thank you to Jacob Nolen, Patrick Shownes, and Steve Biffle for their hard work.



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