



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD NOVEMBER 2024

Advent Schedule

HANGING OF THE GREENS

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



**Sponsor
a family
for**

*Christmas at
Wakefield
Elementary*

**email:
ndelacerda@comcast.net**

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 phumc.com/give 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
- Lay leadership from the Nominations Committee was approved. You can see a full list of committees at phumc.com/church-leadership. 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 phumc.com/foundation-report. 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 sborchert1024@gmail.com.



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.

PRESCHOOLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED!
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
 3:30-5:00PM PHUMC GYM

JOIN US FOR GAMES, SNACKS, AND CREATIVE ART ACTIVITIES WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEW AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE A MONTH OF THANKFULNESS.

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

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

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 hdoherthy@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.

JOIN US
 FOR OUR CANCER FRIENDS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 5 @ 11:30 AM
 WESLEY HALL

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

PHUMC United Women in Faith BAKE SALE



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

Soap Drive
 For Kairos Prison Ministry

Drop soap off at the Donation Station or Welcome Desk during the month of November

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 ADULT MINISTRY
Christmas Potluck Ornament Exchange
 DECEMBER 3
 6 PM | WESLEY HALL

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 tremendously 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.



Last month we attended Recovery Jam! Volunteers gave out 75 Bibles, shared God's love, and told folks about Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church!



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

Deck The Hall



Help us decorate the Wesley Hall stage as we prepare for Advent! We're turning the stage into a Winter Wonderland! Help us bring it to life by making "snow" aka paper chains.

Questions? Contact Trenton at tteegarden@phumc.com

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

Honoraria

Branton Ray Hays by Connie Schutt
Dr. John Jones by Laura and Mark Doramus
Dr. John Robbins by Bill Arthurs

CONGRATULATIONS! PHUMC DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS RECIPIENTS

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



All Saints

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

COLUMBARIUM | SUNDAY, NOV. 3 | 5:30-6:00PM

COME JOIN US

Walking the Mourner's Path

IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP



SUNDAYS
3:00-5:00 PM
JANUARY 5-FEBRUARY 23

SIGN UP @ BY GOING TO
PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH
 OR
 CALL 501-664-3600

phyouth Shop And WRAP!

December 1st
 11:00AM-3:00PM

Buy & Wrap gifts for students at Wakefield Elementary & their families!

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 in the death of her brother, Mike Tindall.

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.

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

PHMEN
First Friday
Breakfast

Friday, December 6
7AM
Room C135

This month's featured
speaker: Dr. John Robbins

RSVP: [phumc.com/men](https://www.phumc.com/men)

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

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 tteegarden@phumc.com.

Veterans Celebration Luncheon

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
@ 12:00PM
IN THE ARGUE GREAT HALL

RSVP: WELCOME DESK OR
CALL 501-664-3600

November Staff Birthdays

Nov. 1 - Virginia Porta
Nov 21 - Pam Lentz



You may have noticed the signs outside of our church received a little update last month! We think they look great! Thank you to Jacob Nolen, Patrick Shownes, and Steve Biffle for their hard work.

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 2,810,893
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 156,434
Other Income	\$ 53,241
Total Income	\$ 3,020,568
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,620,917
Tithe Payment payable	\$ 177,678
Total Expenses	\$ 3,798,595
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (778,027)