



Once again your church was well represented at our Annual Conference. From those who helped with technology, planning worship services, presenters, clergy and laity, our presence was there. Our theme of "Following, Loving and Sharing" was taken from the new Arkansas Conference mission and vision statement and our church showed it is

following, loving and sharing. Each day included reports from many groups within the Arkansas Conference some of which were informational and some of which had to be approved by the conference members. In other words, there was business to conduct.

The first day started with some business but ended with an Ordination Service that saw Rev. Daniel Curry ordained as a Deacon and Rev. Ellen Rowland commissioned as a Provisional Deacon. Our former associate pastor, Rev. Abbey Maynard was ordained as an Elder. Sungyun Kim played our chapel organ for the ordination service which was planned by Rev. Kathleen McMurray.

Our second day began with a rousing Juneteenth service followed by a worship service given by Rev. Peter Matthews. HE WAS AMAZING. He had us laughing, clapping, praising, and learning all at the same time. His message to us was "to go get it" - to go back and retrieve the vision of the church started with Pentecost and to carry it forward; always following Jesus, loving people and sharing grace. This day also provided us the opportunity to vote on four amendments to the UMC Constitution which were proposed by the General Conference. All conference bodies will have the opportunity to vote on these four measures. In order to be enacted, each amendment must receive a two-thirds majority vote from United Methodist conferences and regions all over the world. We will not know the outcome until some time in November. The amendments dealt with the organizational structure or the regionalization of the UMC in the United States, language of inclusiveness, statements to eliminate racism, and a measure on who in the clergy status may elect clergy delegates. For more information on these amendments you can visit pages 57-90 of the pre-conference journal at phumc.com/pcj. We were also privileged to listen to Rev. Dr. Ron Bell whose message seemed primarily focused on our clergy and healthy handling of conflict. However, his message also was designed to help laity understand that our clergy often face conflict and broadened our perspective of the mental health of our clergy. Thanks to Dr. Robbins who then provided us an opportunity to share in a meal together in the evening.

Overall, the one word that popped up often is "connection." The fact that we are all connected is a core foundation of the UMC. We all belong to the church and if we stay connected it makes us stronger to persevere. Our meeting was held in the same room where only a few years earlier, we had voted on the disaffiliation requests of churches in our conference. Emotions were mixed at first. But our mandate as United Methodists to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace" gave us the courage to move forward as United Methodists. Thank you to PHUMC for allowing me to serve as lay member to annual conference and to experience what it means to follow Jesus, love people and share grace.

-Sylvia Borchert, PHUMC Lay Delegate



At the end of June, we had the best week of the year — Vacation Bible Camp! Over 230 students and volunteers journeyed to Egypt to learn about Joseph through games, missions,

art, and cooking. More than just fun, VBC gives children a chance to grow in their faith, experience God's love in action, and build lasting friendships in a joyful, welcoming community.

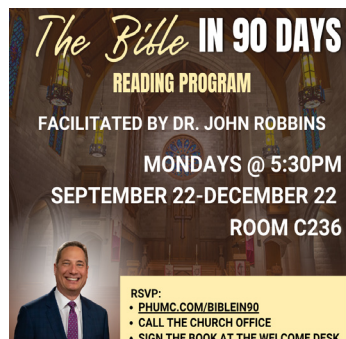
A huge thank you to Pam, Kristie, and all of our incredible parents and volunteers who helped make this camp so impactful and memorable! Be on the lookout for our 2026 Vacation Bible Camp dates soon!



It's that time of year! The Razorbacks are going to be playing Arkansas State at War Memorial Stadium on Saturday, September 6th! PHUMC will open our parking lots for the game.

To ensure you have a spot, you can reserve a spot today for \$40. We will also be selling parking spots on the day of the game for \$25!

All proceeds will go to PHUMC Youth Missions. Go to phumc.com/hog-parking to register for your spot or more!



Young Adults, we have a few ways for you to connect with the church!

Join us on August 5 at 5:30 PM in Wesley Hall for free pizza, great community, and a movie. Come and go as you're able. No registration required, just come as you are!

Join us for a new small group gathering during Wednesday Nights at Pulaski Heights (6:00-6:45PM). We'll reflect on scripture,

engage in real conversation, and support one another in faith and life. Questions? Contact Michael McMurray at mmcmurray@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600.



In July, our Midyouth spent their Service and Learning Days making a difference—and having a lot of fun doing it! From sorting food at the Arkansas Food Bank to helping out at Camp Tanako, and volunteering with PHUMC missions like the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, these students showed what it means to serve with heart and hands! Midyouth is for 5th-7th graders where they learn and grow through programming and missions.

To learn more about our Midyouth Programming, contact Rev. Ellen Rowland at erowland@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.



We were honored to host Friendship Camp this past month! Friendship Camp is a summer camp for rising 3rd-6th graders sponsored by the Interfaith Center. It was truly a beautiful reminder of the power of unity through diversity. It's a gift to witness different religious traditions share their voices, practices, and expressions. When we learn from one another, we build a more compassionate, connected world.



As United Methodists, we have a wonderful and long tradition of giving each 3rd grader their own Bible! We are excited to present our 3rd grade students with their Bibles on Sunday, August 24 at 9am in the Classic service OR 11am in the Modern service. If you would like to sign up your child to receive a Bible, go to phumc.com/third-grade-bible or call Pam Lentz at 501-664-3600. You must register by Friday, August 15 to have your child's name engraved on the Bible they receive.

PHUMC FOUNDATION GIFTS

The following gifts were received for the following endowments: Beard Altar Guild, Borchert Special Use, Dietz Children's, Ceile Erwin Faulkner Helping Hands, Jimmy Faulkner Basketball Scholarship, Robert Chancellor Hoover Treatment Center Memorial Fund, E. Marshall Gazette Helping Hands, Harrison Family, Jo Knight Welcoming and Hospitality, Vic and Freddie Nixon, Martin Youth, John and Kathy Roberts, Sanders Music, Skarda Family Interfaith, Villines family, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Kathy Churchill by Sarah Polk
Rev. John Collier by Anonymous
Rosemary Davis by Anonymous
Judy Dyar by Cindy and Kevin Burns
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Rev. Belinda Price by Bev Villines
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2025 PHUMC Senior Class by Bev Villines
2025 OMP Crew by Bev Villines

New Members

Isabel Adams, Mary Caroline Boyette, Stella Burbank, Leighton Campbell, Carter Chance, Harry Clark, George Cox, Margaret Crocker, Anna Katherine Crow, Julia Dempsey, Grace Doherty, Amanda Dotson, Sydney Faulkner, Annabelle Feilke, August Gasper, Amy Greene, Max Gribble, Jack Grobmyer, William Groce IV, Wilson Hays, Hudson Hicks, Whitman Holsclaw, Colyn Hoskyn, Jacob Irby, Staley Catherine Johnson, Jackson Justus, Anderson King, Gibson Lampley, Charlie Marks, Nancy and Dennis Meredith, David Meredith, Bobby Mezzell, Tucker Moore, Everett Morgan, David and Meredith Newton, Thomas Olney, Derek and Brenyn Osborne, Scott and Anne Pace, Carter Pace, Ryan Randag, Sandy Reynolds, Ann Kelley Roberts, Landon Schmiegelow, Emma Scott, Wendy Shoffner, Emma Thomas, and Katie Whittler by Anonymous

Baptisms

Ivy Woodruff by Anonymous

Birthday Club

Charlotte Powers by Robert and Mary Powers
 Gus Powers by Robert and Mary Powers
 Mary Powers by Robert Powers

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Kris Baber and family in the death of her brother, Collins Kilgore; to Leila Chavez and family in the death of her father, Mark Holmes; to Daniel Frazier and family in the death of his grandfather, Charlie Frazier; to the family and friends of Edward Walter Neumann Sr. in his death; to Boyce Bethel and family in the death of her grandmother, Norma Robinson; to Ann Ferrill and family in the death of her husband, Charlie Ferrill, Jr.; to Piper, Pace and Julia Jansen, and family in the death of their father and grandfather, David Bickerstaff; to Fred Osborne, Dietz Osborne, Ginny Bracy, and Derek Osborne in the death of their nephew and cousin, Ryan Osborne; to Sue Ellen Wilkerson, Alex Wilkerson, and family in the death of their mother and grandmother, Maxine Rail.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Maddie Parrish and Ridge Fletcher in their recent marriage; and Jamie Jones and Rick Walsworth in their recent marriage.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Barrett Elizabeth Bizzell, child of Jamie and John Robert Bizzell; of Jeanne Ruth Guthrie, child of Bailey and John David Guthrie; and of Charlotte James Williams, child of Kristen Coppola and David Williams.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Frances Mae Ballard and Sarah-David Ballard, children of Luke and Sommer Ballard; of Caleb William Card, child of Camella and Courtney Card; and of Mateo Joseph Sanchez-Hobbs, child of Edgardo and Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Carmen Marchand; Ashley Green.



August Primitimers Luncheon
Featuring Janet Carson, Master Gardener discussing Fall Gardening
Thursday, August 28
11:30AM PHUMC APP
PHUMC GYM Call 501-664-3600
\$10 Front Desk
phumc.com/primitimers

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Church Office Hours:

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

Support Wakefield Elementary!

- Tutor A Student
- Donate Money for School Supplies

phumc.com/Wakefield

It's time for school again! That means it's time for PHUMC to start another school year supporting Wakefield Elementary School! You can get involved in a couple of ways:

1. We are asking for people to donate money for school supplies so that we can buy supplies in bulk for Wakefield students! Go to phumc.com/give to donate!
2. We are looking for tutors to help read with students once a week. If you are interested, contact Sarah Argue at sarah.argue@gmail.com.

To learn more about our church's partnership with Wakefield, go to phumc.com/wakefield or contact Rev. Katie Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.

Join us for
THE MORE YOU KNOW
showing the PBS documentary:
"ADDICTION"
Sunday, August 17th | 5pm | Wesley Hall

After the film there is a Q&A with Dr. Michael Mancino from UAMS and a Narcan training session. Questions? Contact Rev. Katie Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com.

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is a summary of PHUMC operating budget for the period January-June 2025.

Member Contributions	\$ 1,945,210
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 129,651
Other Income	\$ 89,334
Total Income	\$ 2,164,195
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,490,583
Tithe Payment payable	\$ 98,912
Total Expenses	\$ 2,589,495
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (425,300)

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD AUGUST 2025

BEGINNING AUGUST 20TH

Wednesday Nights at PULASKI HEIGHTS

Adult Classes

Fall Term 1-2 (12 weeks | Aug. 20-Nov. 5)

- **Book of Matthew** Bible Study - Dr. John Robbins +
- **Youth Adult (22-35) Small Group** - Matt and Melanie Buchanan (Session 1), Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs (Session 2) (RSVP Encouraged)

Fall Term 1 (6 weeks | Aug. 20-Sept. 24)

- **Let's Talk Enneagram** - Martha Sharp (RSVP Requested, phumc.com/wedrsvp)
- **Falling Upward...Into New Beginnings and Joy** - Brooks Gentry (RSVP Requested, phumc.com/wedrsvp)

Fall Term 2 (6 weeks | Oct. 1-Nov. 5)

- **Book Study** - Rev. Jay Clark (RSVP Requested, link to come later)
- **Jesus and the Disinherited** - Rev. Katie Chambers (RSVP Requested, link to come later)

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

Children & Youth

- **Childcare for parents in classes** - 6:00-6:45PM (Infants & Toddlers) Room D221, (Preschool) Room D267.*
- **Children's Activities** - 6:00-6:45PM (K-4th Grade) Room S357*
- **Midyouth (5th-7th)** - 6:00-6:45PM - Gym
- **Phyouth Bible Study** - 6:45-8:15PM - (8th-12th Grade) - Youth Lounge

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

Music

- **Chancel Choir** - 6:45-8:15PM - 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 Sanchez-Hobbs at bhobbs@phumc.com

5:00-5:50: Meal **REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED**

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

6:45-8:15: Modern Worship Team Rehearsal, Chancel Choir, Sr. High Youth Bible Study

WANT MORE INFO? GO TO PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYNIGHTS

CONNECT FAIR

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

FIND YOUR PLACE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

10:00-11:00AM

ARGUE GREAT HALL (GYM)

Mark your calendars and come to the PHUMC Connect Fair in the Argue Great Hall (Gym) from 10:00-11:00am on Sunday, August 24th! This is your opportunity to get connected, find a small group, or a way to serve. Can't make it to campus that Sunday? No worries! We will have an online portal at phumc.com/connect-fair beginning August 21. Together we can live out PHUMC's mission to Inspire Love, Embrace Christ, and Engage the World!

2025 Charge & Church Conferences

Pulaski Heights UMC will hold a series of important Church and Charge Conferences in the coming weeks:

- Sunday, August 17 | 10AM - Church Conference (All invited)
- Monday, August 25 | 5:30PM - Called Charge Conference
- Sunday, October 6 | 12:00PM - Annual Charge Conference

Questions? Contact jlark@phumc.com

- **Called Church Conference** - Sunday, August 17 at 10:00AM in the Sanctuary. All PHUMC members are invited to attend this Called Church Conference. During this meeting, church leadership will outline the specific work being proposed for the church building through the capital campaign and seek the congregation's permission to borrow funds, if necessary.
- **Charge Conference for Administrative Board** - Monday, August 25 at 5:30PM. The Administrative Board will officially vote on moving forward with the capital campaign.
- **Annual Charge Conference** - Sunday, October 5 at Noon. The Administrative Board will convene again to submit required reports to the Central District and the Arkansas Conference.

Questions? Contact Rev. Jay Clark at jlark@phumc.com.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Starting August 10th

Classic Worship 9:00AM

Classic Worship on KATV 10:00AM

Classic and Modern Worship 11:00AM

NEW AIR TIME BEGINNING AUGUST 3

WATCH US EVERY SUNDAY ON KATV - CHANNEL 7 AT 10AM