



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear PHUMC,

I'm grateful to share good news. During our Church Conference on Sunday, August 17, the congregation unanimously approved the resolution to move forward with the work outlined in our Capital Campaign plan. The Administrative Board acknowledged this resolution in their meeting on August 25. With this action, we are authorized to begin maintaining and updating our building in line with This Place Matters. You can find the campaign plan at phumc.com/this-place-matters. What this means:

- We can proceed with the projects needed to keep our campus safe, welcoming, and mission-ready, following the scope and sequence in the plan.
- We will begin our Capital Campaign on September 7th, seeking three-year pledges from members of our congregation and community to fund this work.
- Our Preservation Oversight Committee and Board of Trustees will begin guiding this work and providing updates to the congregation.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and partnership as we care for this place that God uses to bless our community.

Peace,
Rev. Jay Clark
Chief of Staff




This summer, Pulaski Heights UMC's medical and surgical mission teams once partnered with Salud y Paz, a ministry of the United Methodist Church through Volunteers in Mission (VIM), to bring essential healthcare to Mayan indigenous communities in Guatemala. Our medical team provided care to 308 patients, offering vital treatment and medicine that otherwise would not have been accessible.

At the same time, the surgical team offered life-changing operations to 84 patients, helping restore health and quality of life. The surgical team continues their care even after the trip, staying in contact with local physicians to monitor progress and review pathology reports. Salud y Paz was founded 25 years ago to provide dental care to native Mayan communities that had been heavily impacted by Guatemala's civil war, which ended in 1996. Today, it operates a permanent clinic offering medical, dental, and laboratory services, as well as a preschool, meeting the healthcare and surgical needs of families who otherwise have little or no access to consistent medical care. Our 2026 medical mission trip will take place July 11-19 and our 2026 Surgical trip will be July 31-August 9. An information session will be hosted in early 2026, and we hope to form a diverse team of medical providers, dentists, nurses, youth, and willing helpers. You can learn more about this wonderful ministry by going to phumc.com/guatemala.

Walking the Mourners Path
IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP

**MONDAYS
6:00-8:00PM
SEPT. 15-NOV. 3**

LEARN MORE AT
PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH



Walking the Mourner's Path is an in-person grief group for anyone who has suffered a significant loss and would like to process it in a group setting. It is Christ-centered, scripturally and spiritually based. Through the 8-week program on Mondays,

September 15-November 3 from 6:00-8:00pm, mourners learn ways to honor their loved ones, seek spiritual direction, and discover God's promise of comfort in community!

There is a \$60 fee, which goes toward materials. Sign up at phumc.com/mourners-path or call the church office at 501-664-3600. Questions? Contact Rev. Daniel Curry at dcurry@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.

We're launching our Capital Campaign on Sunday, September 7, because **This Place Matters**. Together, we'll care for our historic church so it remains a place of worship, mission, and community for generations to come. Here are a few upcoming events and dates to know:

- **September 7** – Kickoff Sunday with Hard Hat Tours of the spaces impacted by the campaign.
- **October 5** – Churchwide Trivia Night—an evening of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition.
- **October 12** – Legacy Sunday—return your pledge cards as we celebrate generosity and vision.
- **November 2** – Celebration Sunday—we'll meet in the Great Hall to announce our total and celebrate continuing the legacy of the Saints of our church.

Be sure to stop by our Campaign Headquarters on the Skybridge to learn more. This campaign is about more than repairs—it's an investment in the future of PHUMC.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Hard Hat Tours

September 7
10:15-10:50AM

Meet in Sunday School
Classrooms or Skybridge



Trunk or Treat will be October 26 from 3-5pm in the Lower Parking Deck. This is a great opportunity to come together as a congregation and to serve our community.

There are three ways that you can help get involved:

- We are currently looking for Sunday School classes, small groups, and individuals to open their trunks! Go to phumc.com/trunk-or-treat to sign up to host a trunk!
- Our Family Ministries team is looking for candy for our annual Trunk-or-Treat! We need individually wrapped candy to give out. You can donate candy at the Donation Station outside of Entrance 9 or bring it to the Welcome Desk inside of Entrance 1. Prefer to give money for candy? Just go to phumc.com/candy
- Volunteer to help set up, take down, or be a greeter. You can sign up at phumc.com/tortvolunteer.

We also hope that you attend and encourage friends and family to attend as well!



THE MORE YOU KNOW

Documentary Series

- SEPTEMBER 16 | 6-8PM - [TEACH US ALL](#) (PUBLIC SCHOOLS/EDUCATION)
- OCTOBER 19 | 5-7PM - [1946: THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED CULTURE](#) (LGBTQ INCLUSION)
- NOVEMBER 4 | 6-8PM - [GOD & COUNTRY](#) (CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM)
- DECEMBER 7 | 5-7PM - [THE LETTER: A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH](#) (CLIMATE CHANGE)

Childcare Provided inside Entrance 4

You are invited to our monthly documentary series called "The More You Know." Our aim is simple and faithful: to educate our congregation and community and to foster meaningful, grace-filled conversation around important issues shaping our lives.

Our next showing will be of the documentary, "Teach Us All" about public schools and education on Tuesday, **September 16 from 6:00-8:00pm** in Wesley Hall. After the movie, we will hear from Principal Les Taylor from Wakefield Elementary School and Stefanie Vestal from the Little Rock School District. We hope you'll make plans to attend and invite a neighbor. Each screening is an opportunity to learn together and to practice the kind of thoughtful, compassionate dialogue that strengthens our church and blesses our city.

Tutor @ Wakefield Elementary!



phumc.com/tutor

Reading with a student is one of the most important ways you can help them succeed.

We are looking for tutors to help read with students at Wakefield Elementary School once a week. Tutors can be assigned on their chosen day and time period. Tutors can also choose the grade level of students that best suits them. Go to phumc.com/tutor or scan the QR code to sign up and start making a difference!

PARKING @ PHUMC



It's that time of year! The Razorbacks are 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!



SINGLES Ministry

IN THE LOFT
RM M304

SINGLE ADULTS
AGES 35-70

EVERY OTHER
TUESDAY
5:30-6:30PM

CONTACT LAURIE LAING TO SIGN UP AT [LALCDA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:lalcda@gmail.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

11 US PIZZA KICKOFF

25 FIRST "NORMAL" SESSION

7 BOWLING NIGHT (1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

9 NORMAL MEETING SESSION

12 MISSION HOUR

23 NORMAL MEETING SESSION

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Young Adult Ministry SEPTEMBER HAPPENING HOUR

Tuesday, Sept. 2
5:30PM
Professor Bowl

PHUMC.COM/YAM

2026 PHUMC YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration Opens September 15



Register at phumc.com/basketball

THANK YOU PEW CREW



The Pew Crew's ministry may not be top-of-mind on Sundays, but its' impact is felt by every person who enters our worship spaces. The Pew Crew faithfully ensures that both the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall are ready for worship. Their behind-the-scenes efforts foster the welcoming atmosphere we are known for. Recently, they went above and beyond, working late into the evening to help prepare the Sanctuary when several pews were removed to make our space more navigable and accessible. Their willingness to give extra time and care speaks volumes about their love for our church. We are thankful for this team's hard work and ministry and their leader, Karen Cobb for all they do for our church. To join the Pew Crew, call the church office at 501-664-3600!

Help Us Update Our Membership Rolls!



PHUMC.COM/NAMES-LIST

As part of its responsibility to the church, the Membership Committee is working to keep our membership records up to date so that they reflect those who are fully active and involved in the life of PHUMC. We have reached out to the individuals listed above but have not yet heard back regarding their membership status. If you know any of these folks or have updated contact information for them, we would love your help! Our goal is not only to keep our records accurate, but also to make sure no one unintentionally feels left out or disconnected from our community. Please scan the QR code or visit phumc.com/names-list to review the list. You can also share updates by calling the church office at 501-664-3600 or emailing kcoppola@phumc.com.

Putaski Heights United Methodist Church

Stephen Ministry Training

September 21st from 12:15-2:15PM
Lunch will be provided!
PHUMC Room C237

phumc.com/stephen-ministries

Sign up for Stephen Ministry Training for the Fall beginning with the first session, September 21 from 12:15-2:15PM. Stephen Ministry

equips laity with the training to care for their fellow congregants in a variety of situations and circumstances. This will be Dr. Hampton's last Stephen Ministry training he facilitates, and he wants to get 30 people signed up! If you've ever been curious or on the fence, this is your time to sign up. Sign up by going to phumc.com/stephen-ministry or call the church office at 501-664-3600.



Special thanks to the PHUMC Memorials Committee for the furnishings provided for The Loft (Room 304). These gifts were given in memory of loved ones and to the glory of God.

MISS THE CONNECT FAIR?

GO TO PHUMC.COM/CONNECT-FAIR AND FIND THE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES WHERE YOU CAN GET CONNECTED!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Dr. Robbins Booking Signing



Join us for the release of Dr. Robbins' new book, "I Love to Tell the Story"

3-5PM | Argue Great Hall

PHUMC FOUNDATION GIFTS

The following gifts were received for Cancer Friends, Diaper Bank, Food Pantry, Good Samaritan, Guatemala Mission, Helping Hands, TV Ministry, and the glory of God.

Memorials

- Rosemary Davis** by Dr. James and Katharine Wilson
- Mardell Good** by Gail Gerard
- Richa Morey** by Gina and Rev. Steve Wingo
- Nancy Nauert** by Gregory Taylor
- Cindy Price** by Martha Landes
- Mary Putnam** by Smith and Mary Ann DeLine, and Bill and Karon Mann
- Pat Qualley** by Bev Villines
- Mildred Quinn** by Lambert Lynn Marshall
- Gayailia Story** by Gina and Rev. Steve Wingo
- Molly Vandiver** by Patricia Calhoun, and Patricia Shaw

Honoraria

- Rev. Daniel Curry** by Carol and Gary Isom
- Food Pantry Volunteers** by Ann Callis
- Dr. John Jones** by Laura and Mark Doramus
- Michelle Kavanaugh** by Barbara Blaine
- Rev. Abbey Maynard** by Carol and Gary Isom
- Rev. Ellen Rowland** by Carol and Gary Isom
- Megan Rugg** by Brenda Mize

SPIRIT OF ARKANSAS DIAPER DRIVE

Ends September 30!



Drop off diapers to Edwards's Food Giant & Cash Saver locations or PHUMC!
phumc.com/diaperbank



In September, our monthly mission collection will support The Central Arkansas Diaper Bank. They are teaming up with Edwards Food Giant and KATV - Channel 7 for the Spirit of Arkansas Diaper Drive. Diaper donations will be accepted the entire month of September at all Central Arkansas Edwards Food Giant and Edwards Cash Saver locations. You can also bring diapers to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church (4823 Woodlawn Dr.). Bring your donations to the donation station outside of Entrance 9 off of Lee Avenue.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Lee Rush and Larry Rush in the death of their sister, Laura Brown; Debbie Morgan, Brent Morgan, and family in the death of their husband and father, Louis "Biff" Morgan; Sam Stiles and family in the death of his wife, Carolyn Stiles; and to the family and friends of Jeff Fomby in his recent death.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Annie Carter and Taylor Locke on their recent marriage; and to Maddie Muther and Phillis Allison in their recent wedding.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Katherine Anne Harbert McLaurin, child of Caitlon Tribett and Garrett McLaurin, and grandchild of Kim and Steve Tribett; of Anna Angela Branstetter, child of Christian Lovett-Branstetter and Dylan Branstetter; and of Nolan Agbor Taku Bate and Naevia Taku Bate Ajifack, children of Mercy Makia Akama and Dean Agbor Taku Bate.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Annie Moery, child of SaraCate and Robert Moery; of Annie Elizabeth Matthews, child of Meghan and Ryan Matthews; of Palmer James Pollock and Whittington Bracey Pollock, children of Bailey and William Pollock and grandchildren of Harriett and Terry Pollock; and of John Bradley Parker, child of Anne-Elise and Brad Parker and grandchild of Misty and Drake Hawkins.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carmen Marchand; Ashley Green; Jarrod and Beth Younge; Tracy Tell; Margaret Barnett; Emily Rockwell; James McCormack; and Nathan and Ava Bigham.

Thank you for subscribing to our online Tower Newsletter. If you'd like a paper copy for any reason, contact Michael McMurray at 501-978-0524 mmcmurray@phumc.com.



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

Wednesday Nights Class Schedule (All classes 6:00-6:45)

	8/20	8/27	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29	11/5
	SESSION 1						SESSION 2					
ADULTS WESLEY HALL	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study (No RSVP) led by: Dr. John Robbins (Also available 10:00-10:45AM on Wednesdays in Room C236)											
ADULT CLASS	Let's Talk Enneagram led by: Martha Sharp (RSVP Requested)						Book Study by: Rev. Jay Clark (RSVP Requested)					
ADULT CLASS	Young Adult (22-35) Small Group (No RSVP) Session 1 led by: Matt & Melanie Buchanan Session 2 led by: Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs											
ADULT CLASS	Falling Upward...Into New Beginnings and Joy led by: Brooks Gentry (RSVP Requested)						Jesus and the Disinherited led by: Rev. Katy Chambers (RSVP Requested)					
YOUTH	Midyouth (5th-7th) Gym Youth (8th-12th) Bible Study Youth Lounge (6:45-8:15PM)											
CHILDREN/CHILDCARE	Childcare: Infants/Toddlers (Room D271) & Preschool (Room D267) Children's (K-4th) Activities: Room S357											

SEPT. 7TH
4-6PM

Preschool Playdate

Join us at The Wonder Place! **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, September 7th from 4:00-6:00PM at The Wonder Place! Come play with old friends and new!

Contact Kristie Finney at kfinney@phumc.com or Pam Lentz at plentz@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600 for more information! We hope you can join us!

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 2,373,634
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 218,061
Other Income	\$ 104,771
Total Income	\$ 2,696,466
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,815,562
Tithe Payment payable	\$ 129,490
Total Expenses	\$ 2,945,052
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (248,586)

September Primitimers Luncheon

Featuring Philip McLarty, retired pastor and author

Thursday, Sept. 25 RSVP:
11:30AM PHUMC APP
PHUMC GYM Call 501-664-3600
\$10 Front Desk

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

SEPTEMBER STAFF BIRTHDAYS

YUI TERUYA - SEPT. 2

CHRIS WRIGHT - SEPT. 29