



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD MAY 2026

class of
2026

Congratulations to these young people! We know you will do well in the world and we look forward to watching you grow in life and faith even more!!

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If you've worshipped in Wesley Hall recently, you may have already noticed a few upgrades. Thanks to leftover modern worship funds from 2025, we've been able to invest in a few upgrades designed to make worship in that space more intimate, accessible, and engaging for everyone who gathers there for worship. The first is a new ultra high-definition screen above the stage, giving worshippers a

clearer view of lyrics, scripture, and visual elements throughout the service. Whether you're sitting near the front or toward the back, the improved sight-lines mean less straining to follow along and more room to simply be present in worship. The second is a new drum enclosure—and it's designed with flexibility in mind. Rather than a permanent drum booth, this new enclosure can be moved as needed, allowing us to reshape the space for different services and events. It also matches the aesthetic of Wesley Hall beautifully, while keeping the sound balanced so our musicians can lead boldly. Together, these upgrades help make Wesley Hall a sacred worship space. When we can see, hear, and participate more fully, we can draw closer to God and to one another.


PHUMC PRESENTS A THREE-NIGHT
REVIVAL
WORSHIP • SING • RENEW
SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 20-22ND
MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON

PULASKI HEIGHTS UMC
VACATION BIBLE CAMP

The Story of Moses
July 7th-9th, 2026

Join us for some evenings of an interactive dinner theatre experience for the whole family!

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PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOUNDATION

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Congregation,

Once again, the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Foundation has accomplished so much good for so many people in so many ways. As you see on page 1, funds distributed in 2025 have been used to enrich the lives of others and support numerous ministries. We can all be proud of what was achieved and what we have to look forward to because of the Foundation's great work.

Please be sure to read all the information provided in the Annual Report, as it will give you a picture of how beneficial it is for us to be blessed with a healthy and strong Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Porta, Director of the PHUMC Foundation, at vporta@phumc.com.

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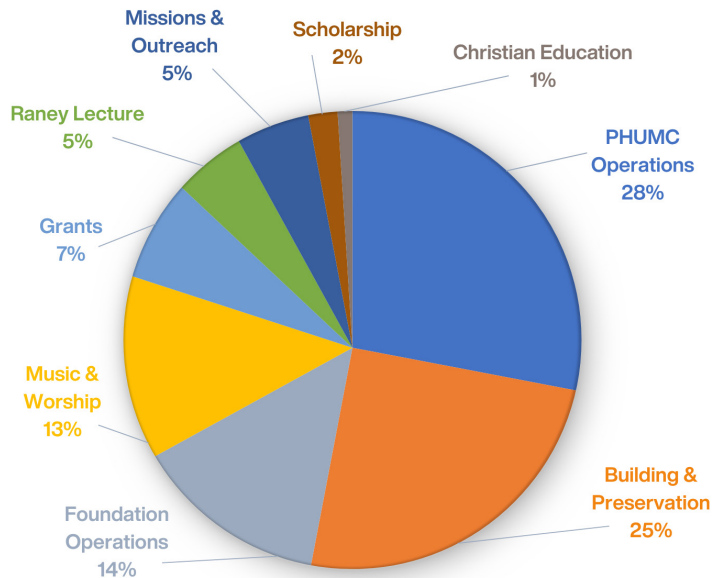
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This was an exciting year for the PHUMC Foundation. We accepted gifts to create the Marshall Gazette Helping Hands Endowment, the Moore Family Special Needs Endowment, and the Hawkins Family Endowment for Education Initiatives. Each of these gifts to the Foundation will allow future earnings to help support existing and new activities through PHUMC.



Total 2025 Distributions: \$548,868.76

The vision of our donors will ensure creation of and continuation for the missions and ministries of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church both within our congregation and into the world. This chart shows the 2025 distributions of over half a million dollars by area of support.

Our partnership with the Methodist Foundation of Arkansas and Wespeth continues with a consistent outperformance compared to market benchmarks. Our total assets grew this year from \$14.7 million to \$16.5 million — a 12% increase.

Continued thanks to our generous donors, supporters, and our volunteer Board Members.

Congratulations to our 2026 Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to announce the following scholarship award recipients for the 2026-2027 school year. We have awarded \$7,000 for tuition and fees to five students.

- Little Joe and the BKs - **Skyler Schaffer** (Pulaski Academy) - \$1,500.
- Jimmy Faulkner Church League Basketball - **Sam Boozer** (Catholic High School) - \$1,500.
- Berry Music and Arts - **Campbell Blick** (renewal) \$1,700 and **Sadie Katherine (Sid) Harris** (Parkview High School) \$1,700.
- Barnwell Holloway Medical Studies - **Robert Shannon** (UAMS, M2) - \$1,000.

Someone is praying for you

PHUMC
Intercessory
Prayer Team

You are never alone in this community of faith because even when you don't know it, someone is praying for you by name.

Our Intercessory Prayer Team faithfully gathers regularly to lift up church members, neighbors, and all who

have carried a prayer request to us. It is quiet, steady, behind-the-scenes work—and it is one of the most powerful ministries we have.

If you feel called to join this circle of prayer, we would love to have you. Reach out to Jim Allbritton at jima2452@gmail.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600.

And if you are carrying something too heavy to carry alone, please let us carry it with you. Fill out a prayer card during worship, or visit phumc.com/prayer to submit a confidential prayer request. No request is too small. No burden is too great.




JOIN US FOR OUR CANCER FRIENDS LUNCHEON FEATURING

REV. ELLEN ROWLAND

JUNE 4 @ 11:30 AM
WESLEY HALL

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


Join PHUMC Cancer Friends on Thursday, June 4 from 11:30AM-1:00PM in Wesley Hall. Our speaker will be Rev. Ellen Rowland. Cost is \$10/person. RSVP by calling the church office at 501-664-3600, going to phumc.com/cancer-friends, or by filling out the Reservation book at the Welcome Desk.



PHMEN Breakfast

Tuesday, May 5
7AM

This month's featured speaker: Patrick Newton, Clinton School of Public Service



RSVP: phumc.com/men

Don't forget to RSVP for our next PHMen's Breakfast on Tuesday, May 5 from 7AM-8AM in Wesley Hall. Our speaker will be Patrick Newton from the Clinton School of Public Service. You can sign up by going to phumc.com/men or filling out the book at the Welcome Desk.



April Distribution Day was a fun one at PHUMC. Our Food Pantry served over 600 neighbors, our Diaper Bank distributed more than 300 bags of diapers—and we had the joy of welcoming Bishop Merrill, who got to see these ministries in action firsthand. Thank you to our countless volunteers who help make these missions possible.



What a wonderful Easter we had! Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who helped make this celebration of the Risen Christ one to remember. We have seen the Lord!

March Monthly Collection:

Good Samaritan Fund

\$3,050

Total Funds Raised

Thanks to your support, we collected \$3,050 for the Good Samaritan fund in March! May's Monthly Mission Collection will be boxes of cereal to support the Arkansas Foodbank Summer Cereal Drive. You can drop items off at the Welcome Desk or at the Donation Station outside of Entrance 9!

May Staff Birthdays

May 14 - Heather Doherty
May 15 - Dale Garland
May 27 - Karsyn Helms

Walking the Mourner's Path



IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP

SUNDAYS
3:00-5:00PM
JUNE 7 - JULY 26

LEARN MORE AT
PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH

May Primetimers Luncheon

Featuring Dr. John Slater Jr.,
National Parks

Thursday, May 28
11:30AM
PHUMC GYM
\$10

RSVP:
PHUMC APP
Call 501-664-3600
Front Desk

phumc.com/primetimers

1 BOOK 1 NIGHT

WITH DR. JOHN ROBBINS

Wednesdays from May 20-June 17 | 6:00-7:00PM
Wesley Hall & Live Streamed
Refreshments provided

Starting May 20th through June 17th, join Dr. Robbins for his new bible study, One Book-One Night, and learn about books from the Bible that are often overlooked or ignored. It will be held from 6:00-7:00PM in Wesley Hall as well as live streamed. Refreshments provided!



The PHUMC Green Team is proud to announce that we now have a battery tube available at the church for recycling any old batteries! It is very important to recycle batteries because it prevents more toxins and materials from entering landfills as well as helps conserve the natural resources of our planet. The battery recycling tube is located outside of Entrance 9 by the Donation Station. We encourage you to utilize this resource and recycle your old batteries!



The Ministry of Pilgrimage will be going to Ireland in April 2027 as Dr. John Robbins and Rev. Jay Clark lead our group on the Sacred Shores of Ireland: A Celtic Pilgrimage. Deadline to register is June 30. Please contact Rev. Clark for more information at jclark@phumc.com.

PHUMC Foundation

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Due to space, PHUMC Memorials & Honoraria will be included in full in the June Tower. If you have any questions, contact Virginia Porta at vporta@phumc.com



During Mission Hour last month, adult and youth volunteers packed 300 care bags to share with our neighbors living on the street. Be sure to pick one or two up in the bins outside of the Sanctuary or Wesley Hall! Special thanks to Sally Davis, Tish DePriest, Lindy Fair, and Skip & Billie Rutherford for sponsoring our April Mission Hour.



Last month we had a competition across generations! Primetimers and youth came together for an evening of Bingo. Thanks to everyone who came out and made it a wonderful time.

FREE Family Caregiver Workshop-Dementia/Alzheimer's

11:00AM - 2:00 PM | May 5

The workshop will present an overview of dementia and Alzheimer's disease and provide caregiving tips that maintain respect, dignity and quality of life for your loved one.

Please RSVP by April 30 at bvillinesphumc.com or by calling 501-664-3600
A light lunch will be provided

PHUMC, in partnership with UAMS, is hosting a free Family Caregiver Workshop on **May 5 from 11am-2pm** for those with family members who have Dementia/Alzheimers. The workshop will present an overview of dementia and Alzheimer's disease and provide caregiving tips that maintain respect, dignity, and quality of life for the person living with dementia. Information will also be presented on behavior and communication techniques, mental health resources, and activities for persons with dementia. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP by calling the church at 501-664-3600 or emailing bvillines@phumc.com.

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLING

A MATTER OF BALANCE

PRESENTED BY: **UAMS**
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

- Starting Monday, May 4
- Mondays and Wednesdays for 4 weeks
- 10:00 - 11:30 am

To enroll call [501-664-3600](tel:501-664-3600) or email bvillines@phumc.com

PHYOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR

See what's going on each week with PHYOUTH

phumc.com/summer-calendar

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Ishmael Duncan and family in the recent death of his son, Antonio Mallett; to Terry and Martha Sharp and family in the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Joy Sharp; to the family and friends of June Myers in her recent death; to Sean Rowland and family in the death of his father, Gerald Rowland; to the McSpadden families in the death of Walter's sister and Sam's aunt, Peggy Carson McSpadden Kelley; to Lauri and Will Allison, Phillips and Collier in the death of their father, father in law, and grandfather Lawrence Harley Stone; to Mike Ross and family in the death of his mother, Frances Ross; to Chuck and Nancy Banks, Stephanie Bynum, and family in the death of their mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Lucille Pittman Banks; and to the family and friends of Dianne McGeorge in her recent death.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Clara Remick Bates, child of Devin and Laura Bates; of Garrett James Chandler, child of Victoria and Grant Chandler, grandchild of Tori and Dumas Garrett; of Benjamin Steven Tribett, child of Ashley and Archer Tribett and grandchild of Kim and Steve Tribett; of John William Morgan, child of Mary Daniel and John Morgan; of Eli Hubbard, child of Aly and Luke Hubbard, and grandchild of Greg and Becky Hubbard; of Annie Lynn Davis, child of John and Emily Davis; and grandchild of Mel and Sally Davis; of Campbell Fletcher Godsey, child of Alex and Erich Godsey and grandchild of Monica McGruder and Bill Fletcher.

WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM of Preston Leith Hines, child of Anna and Daniel Hines.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Andrew Parham; Randy and Robyn Burris; Brittany and Andy Ivy; and Cal Pearce.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CARING SURVEY

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

At PHUMC, we want to make sure you feel informed, connected, and genuinely cared for as part of this community. That's why we're asking for just a few minutes of your time to fill out our Communications and Caring Survey. This survey covers two simple areas: how well we're keeping you in the loop and how cared for you feel as a member of this congregation. Your honest answers will shape real decisions about how we do both. Take the survey by going to [phumc.com/survey](https://www.phumc.com/survey) or picking one up at the Welcome Desk.

It takes less than five minutes—and every response matters. Thank you for helping us be the church you need us to be.

MAY HAPPENING HOUR
Tuesday, May 5
5:30-7:30PM
Southern Tail Brewery

Calling all young adults (22-35)! Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for a time of community at various locations around Little Rock! This month, we're meeting at [Southern Tail Brewery](#) on May 5th from 5:30-7:30PM! Meet us outside at the picnic tables. Come enjoy a cold beverage with your church family!

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is a summary of PHUMC operating budget for January-March 2026.

Member Contributions	\$ 1,041,084
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 37,500
Other Income	\$ 35,782
Total Income	\$ 1,114,366
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,369,769
Tithe Payment payable	\$ 33,370
Total Expenses	\$ 1,403,139
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (288,733)

EASTER FLOWERS

Go to [phumc.com/easter-flowers](https://www.phumc.com/easter-flowers) or scan the QR code below to see our 2026 Easter Flowers List.



If you'd like a physical copy, call the church office at 501-664-3600