



## OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

### A TIME TO SAY “GOOD-BYE”



When Jesus prepared to leave his disciples, the twelve disciples likely experienced what most of us experience in times of change - some fear and anxiety. In that moment, however, it is interesting to me that Jesus doesn't let them dwell long in their fear of what will happen to them. He immediately assures the disciples with three promises:

First, Jesus promised to make a home in his disciples' hearts. "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23).

Second, Jesus promised to fill the disciples with a spirit of courage and comfort. "The Holy Spirit...will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you." (John 14:26).

Finally, Jesus promised to sustain his disciples with a special kind of peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27).

While Jesus' words of assurance and promise may not have made his departure less difficult, the words do give hope in the midst of change. Jesus' words lift the heavy weight of finality that is often felt when someone says "good-bye." In fact, the word "goodbye" itself is really a contraction of "God-be-with-you" – a reminder that when we say "good-bye" to people we love we need to also remember that God will be with us in the time of transition.

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### SMALL THINGS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

#### PUMC Council Chair - Jesse Jay

Decades ago, before the electronics and mechanics in our cars became so sophisticated, I was driving my Starfire GT down the highway when I discovered that I suddenly had a loss of power. The car would still run, but acceleration was slow and gradual and hills became a big problem. When I was finally able to get it to the repair shop, I learned that the problem came from a very small piece, about the size of a thumbnail, within the distributor that affected the timing advance on the car. Once that one very small piece was replaced, my car once again ran like a charm and accelerated as good as ever before. That one small thing made the biggest difference. I learned that lesson all those years ago and it is still true today, both in life and in the life of our church.

We are now climbing back as a church to a more normal time as more people get vaccinated and infection rates for the virus drop and we are presented with new opportunities. There are some great things ahead of us in the ministry of the church and each of us have the opportunity to be a part. Our church committees and groups – Nurture, Missions, Evangelism, Worship, our children,

youth and family ministries, and our UMW and UMM groups, Life groups etc. – are active in planning new events and ministries. As we continue to move forward, there will many opportunities for any member who would like to participate in some way to do so. This is a great time for everyone to engage in prayer and reflection and consider the gifts that God has blessed you with and think about using them to assist in growing our ministries. It may be in a larger way by volunteering time to help a ministry out, being a VBS helper, serving as an usher or greeter, or participating on a committee formed for a specific project. One big project that needs lots of help right now is planning and preparing for our Fall Festival. Perhaps you have organizational skills that could be of help, or perhaps you like contacting vendors who would like to take part, or maybe you just have some ideas to share. Contact our Evangelism chairperson, Jan Manring, if you will be willing to help in some way, big or small regarding the Fall Festival. But contributions may come in smaller ways and, like my story above, make a big difference. It may be praying for a ministry, calling friends, or giving a few

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Worshipping in Love



Growing in Love



Serving in Love

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I've been reflecting on this passage a good bit lately, because June 6<sup>th</sup> will be my last Sunday leading worship with all of you and June 30<sup>th</sup> will be my last official day as your pastor. Between June 6<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, you will be blessed by others who will lead you in worship while I will be taking some time with my family to pack, move and hopefully get in a little vacation time before joining the good people of Washington Street UMC in Columbia. Between June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, I will, of course be available for pastoral care needs you may have during that time. But, as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, The Rev. David Taylor will begin serving as your pastor and I will no longer be able to relate to you in the same way as I previously have as your pastor. He will assume the privilege of being here with you to provide pastoral care, talk about church business, perform baptisms, preach, teach, and serve in ministry with you. So, while I won't be here for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and your celebrations in the future, and I won't be on call as your pastor any longer, please know that I am praying for you, and you will always have a special place in my heart.

You need to know that my heart is filled with gratitude for the many ways you have extended mercy, grace, and love to me and to my family while I have served as your pastor. I will miss you and I am

grateful for the time I have been allowed to serve as your pastor, so I would like to close this, my last pastoral note to you, with one of my favorite Scripture passages from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians: 1:3-6, 9-11:

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."*

Love Always,

*Becky*

*Serving In Love:  
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remember the ways  
in which Pastor  
Becky has served us  
in love.*



## SMALL THINGS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

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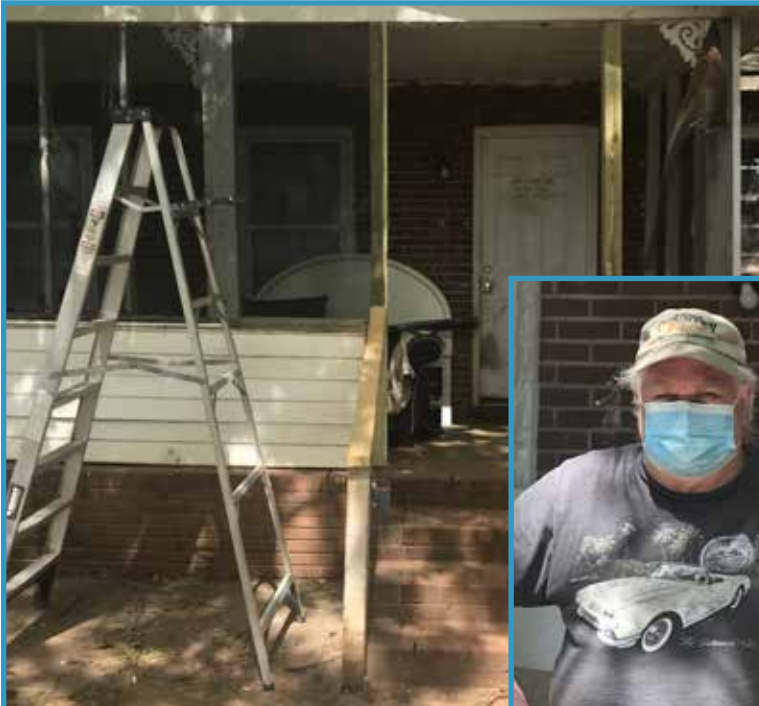
hours on one day for some project that interests you.

We are coming back from the challenges of the past 14+ months and there will be many ways that people can take part and help us to grow. Think about the gifts God has graced you with and then contact one of our committees or staff or groups I mentioned above and see where they could use some assistance. It may be that there is a small thing they need help with, something that suits you... and in doing even the small things, make a big difference and have us running as smoothly and as good or even better than before.

# MISSIONS COMMITTEE



*Serving In Love: Over the past month, collaborations have continued with Paradise homeowner, Deborah, and Danielle Redmond, Historical Paradise Director. Small group projects of yard clean up and house repair have taken place with the homeowner's grandchildren helping in the yard.*



## **HISTORICAL PARADISE FOUNDATION**

Deborah's Home Project Update: Weekdays in June, another small team will be painting the ceiling, trim, and walls of the family living room. Fresh plaster work has created clean walls ready for painting.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, after pressure washing the exterior of the home and front porch, a fresh coat of paint will be applied, enhancing the new front porch. Additional yard work will open up Deborah's backyard allowing her grandchildren to store bicycles and other toys safely. Two small teams are needed for both days, one concentrating on painting and the other on yard cleanup.

These relatively few days we spend working will have tremendous impact on this family. We continue to spread the love of Christ within our town, serving as Jesus did. Please continue to pray for all the families that HP serves. Visit our display in the Narthex and contact Dawn Edwards [lendyloo@gmail.com](mailto:lendyloo@gmail.com) or 802-355-4224 to join one of our teams. In addition, financial contributions, designated to Missions HP, to support these projects are always welcome.



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

**Thank You** - The UMW would like to thank all those who helped to make the bake sale a big success, those who were able to give their time to help, those who purchased goodies and especially the bakers because without these wonderfully gifted persons, there would not have been a sale. The money raised will go to mission projects globally, within our district and community. The Lord has blessed our efforts and now He can multiply our results for Work in His Kingdom.

**Wallace Family Life Center** –Unfortunately, Salkehatchie was cancelled this summer, but the need for our support is more than ever. Please consider picking up backpacks and school supplies for the students at WFL Center in Bennettsville, SC. Bennettsville is a poor, rural community and the Center tries to provide educational, recreational and religious programs for the community. If it's more convenient, financial donations are certainly welcome as well. A collection box will be in the Narthex until July 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you want to become a part of our fellowship, service and ministry, contact Pam, [pambrenwald@gmail.com](mailto:pambrenwald@gmail.com).



*Serving In Love: At their monthly meeting, one circle made gift bags containing small items like lotion, crackers, puzzles and tissues for The Fort Mill Care Center to give to senior citizens who come for assistance.*

*The bottle cap collection at PUMC yeilded 2.5 bags of plastics for the Miracle Park bench project. These ladies went to Rock Hill to sort out unacceptable plastics. Phase I of Miracle Park will be open this summer!*

## NURTURE COMMITTEE

### Caring Cards Ministry

The phone rang the other day. I glanced at the Caller ID. The call was from my least favorite caller, "Wireless." I ignored it and let it go to voice mail. Imagine my surprise when I heard the voice of a dear friend! A warm feeling of pleasure washed over me.



People sometimes feel isolated by circumstances, illness, or a variety of issues. Caring Cards is the branch of the Nurture Committee that helps to fill that need through the mail. An unexpected card can have the same effect as a phone call, bouquet of flowers or visit. It can help to reduce feelings of isolation and let people know they are thought of and cared about.

Weekly, the Pastor suggests a list of names of those in need of encouragement, sympathy or get well wishes. Members of the Sunshine Ministry are also included on that list for birthday and holiday cards. I email the Pastor's weekly list to those who have volunteered to send cards. Along with the name and address, I add a short explanation of the type of card or note that would be appropriate. Volunteers prayerfully decide if they want to send a card to every name on the list, a few or one.

Card recipients have indicated how much the cards mean to them when they arrive in the mail. A card can provide that little boost during a difficult day that says to them, "Your church family cares about you!" And in this technology driven age, it is refreshing to get physical mail.

If you would like to be a volunteer for this ministry or have further questions, please contact me by phone or email. Jan Davis (803)389-4942 and [stevesmom@comporium.net](mailto:stevesmom@comporium.net).

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# CONGRATS 2021 PUMC HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADS!

2021 was a challenging year for students. Virtual, A/B schedules, Zoom and Google Meets were common terms for these students for over a year. PUMC is proud to honor these graduates' perseverance over school coursework and the challenges brought on by Covid. We pray that each graduate felt the love of God through our congregation as they were given personal congratulations, cards, gifts and a cupcake on a warm May Sunday. Our hope is that these young people know that no matter where their next step takes them, they can always call Philadelphia UMC home. Thank you to everyone who took time to come and speak with each of these grads. Please keep them in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead.

If you would like your grad to be paired with a church member for continued to prayer, support (and maybe even a small treat at times) contact Maggie Justus, [maggie@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:maggie@pumcfortmill.org).



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- Winthrop -

# EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

## Community Shred Day & Blood Drive

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank all who participated in our 1st Community Shred It Day! UMM and UMW were a huge part of that success. We welcomed every vehicle that brought items to shred and handed out PUMC information bags to 86 new families!

Evangelism is your new host for blood drives! We are excited to offer this life giving service to the community every 3 months. In May, we offered #pumcrocks and "seeds of love" as a "thank you" to those who participated.

During the summer months, we encourage everyone to invite family, friends and neighbors to PUMC for worship. We are working towards our Annual Fall Festival and need your help. It takes many volunteers to create a welcoming and exciting Fall Festival for the community. If you would like to help either in the planning or on the day of, please contact Jan Manning at [jmanring.jm@gmail.com](mailto:jmanring.jm@gmail.com).



# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

## ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-11:45am

Registration is Open! Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Rocky Railway is coming to Philadelphia Church. We will be following both CDC and UMC up-to-date guidance to ensure the health and safety of all participants and volunteers.

Register to participate or volunteer: [vbspro.events/p/b4aed5](https://vbspro.events/p/b4aed5)



### RISING 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS

It was wonderful to have you as part of our Children's Ministry. As you continue your faith journey into middle school and the Youth Ministry, we want to give you something to take with you to your next pasture: Mini Shawn the Sheep. Parents, if you have a 5th Grader going

into 6<sup>th</sup> this Fall, contact [nicolas@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:nicolas@pumcfortmill.org) to get them a Mini Shawn the Sheep. With it you will receive information about how to get your middle schooler involved with Youth ministries. In addition, your rising 6th Grader is now eligible to serve in the Nursery and Preschool. Contact Nic Gold to get him or her involved.

### THE ADVENTURES OF LEGO SHAWN THE SHEEP (SEASON TWO)

The second season of our popular The Adventures of Lego Shawn the Sheep series have been written.

This new season promises bigger adventures, new characters, and more lessons about God and the Bible. The new episodes will premier later this year on the Philadelphia Church Children's Ministry YouTube Channel. Until then, check out last year's season on the Philadelphia Church Children's You Tube page.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Summer Worship

During the summer months, the Core and Chancel Choir will continue to provide the music for worship as well as soloists and hopefully some special guests. The Chancel Choir will continue with rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (taking off the month of July). We have room for more singers!

If you have sung solos in the past and would like to continue to provide music for our 10 am service, email [jim@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:jim@pumcfortmill.org) or leave me a message on my cell (704) 562-5570. The church would love to hear your testament through your music.

Thank you to the Core, Chancel Choir, Jubilate Ringers and the



### RIGHTNOW MEDIA

As you travel this newly free summer season, don't forget to get access to your free RightNow Media account thru PUMC. When you're traveling in the car or relaxing at the beach, you can have access of thousands of bible studies, films, speakers, documentaries, and content for kids.

Two ways to start your free account:

1. Use this link and it will direct you to the Registration Page of our church's account.

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/PhiladelphiaUMC>

2. Contact [Nicolas@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:Nicolas@pumcfortmill.org)

The kids will enjoy watching great Christian content for their age-level on those long car rides.



Youth Chimes who have enhanced our spirit-filled worship the last few months!

### Youth Hand Chimes

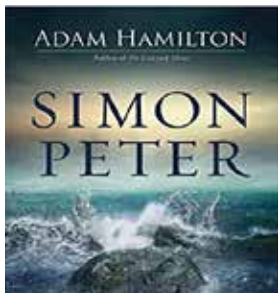
What a success! The Youth Hand Chimes Choir has been such a blessing for me, for the children and hopefully for you! These kids continued to surprise and inspire me - thank you to all that participated! We are taking a break this summer and will resume in the fall - details to follow. We have open spots and really hope your child will consider joining us. No music background required! See you in the fall! If you have any questions, please contact Mollie Moon at 704.258.0513.

# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

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## LIFE GROUPS

Philadelphia United Methodist Church makes disciples by worshipping, growing, and serving in love. LifeGroups are one of our best ways to serve God and further our disciple-making mission. Contact Nic Gold; [nicolas@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:nicolas@pumcfortmill.org) to learn more about this Life Group and others at PUMC.



### Sunday Morning Group

The Logos and Disciples class have joined together and started in-person meetings, every Sunday 11:00am – 12:00pm, right after church service. You can also join by Zoom. Peter – Flawed but Faithful Disciple by Adam Hamilton is the current series. Adam Hamilton is the award-winning pastor of large Methodist Church near Kansas City. The series uses a lesson video. Class discussion is inspired by the Holy Spirit. Contact Bill Ray; [billnoneray@yahoo.com](mailto:billnoneray@yahoo.com).



*Growing In Love: The weather was perfect for a Disciples and Logos garden party at Caroline Helms' home. It was uplifting to be able to meet in-person and break bread together, renewing friendships and memories that have been absent for more than a year due to Covid. Pastor Becky joined the group and it was wonderful to see her and share the joy with her presence. Indeed, the joy went beyond the party. The group organized to put together a couple of plates of the goodies from the garden party for Pat and Jim Broome and for Eve and Doug Chapman who were unable to attend. They were pleased and surprised.*

## CHURCH SOFTBALL STARTING SOON

Do you play softball? The PUMC Men's and Women's Church season starts June 14<sup>th</sup> and runs through mid-August with 2 games most weeks. Men contact Evan Lackey; [evanlackey2@gmail.com](mailto:evanlackey2@gmail.com) and women contact Pam Brenwald; [pambrenwald@gmail.com](mailto:pambrenwald@gmail.com) ASAP.



# PHILLY YOUTH GROUP - PYG

May brought fun and fellowship to Philadelphia Youth Group! We began the month by helping with the Shred It Event. We participated in Evangelism by encouraging guests to take a handpainted rock with an encouraging message and place it somewhere around Fort Mill.

We have enjoyed meeting outside and spending time playing games and diving deeper into the word of God! We have started a new Sunday School lesson series through Right Now Media called "Different" and have really been enjoying it! Rising 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for Sunday School in the High School classroom on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am!

We had a blast at Camp Canaan! The youth loved the high-flying adventure and testing their strength! Our awesome volunteers also joined in on the fun!

We are looking forward to more adventures this summer including a trip to the Whitewater Center on July 23<sup>rd</sup>!

June 13<sup>th</sup> is tie dye night! Bring your own items and get them ready for the summer with tie dye fun! On June 20<sup>th</sup>, the youth will lead us in worship! Please make plans to join us that Sunday and celebrate the talents and gifts of our wonderful youth!

Contact Maggie Justus: [maggie@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:maggie@pumcfortmill.org) for all things youth related. Rising 6th graders now welcome to all activities!



# NURTURE COMMITTEE

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The Caregiver Support Group @PUMC will be meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the church library. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, guest speaker Susan Bill, founder and director of Magnolia Memory Care, will be discussing a new program here in Fort Mill called Mind Matters and how it can benefit a loved one.

Through sharing the stresses, challenges and rewards of being a caregiver, we can help each other to gain knowledge and insight on taking care of ourselves while taking care of our loved ones. Please reach out to Vickie Goddard at [Vickie752@yahoo.com](mailto:Vickie752@yahoo.com) "God gave burdens; but he also gave shoulders."

## UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

UMM Fellowship dinners have started again! We will meet Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will be simple fare prepared by Ben Himes. Lance Holmes and the officers will outline the programs remaining for 2021.

Men in the Mirror will meet in the Fellowship Hall, Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. The topic of discussion is *Disciples – Not Making Disciples*. This is not Bible study or a lesson series, but a discussion by Christian men that will enlighten and strengthen. Breakfast biscuits and coffee available. All youth and men welcome and you are encouraged to reachout and bring a friend!

**Men in the Mirror**  
*Men in the Mirror*  
**A time of spiritual renewal for men**

### STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

\$14,072 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$731,757

\$188,980 has been received as of 4/30/2021 towards the General and Building Funds

\$1,058,631 loan balance for Building and Parsonage

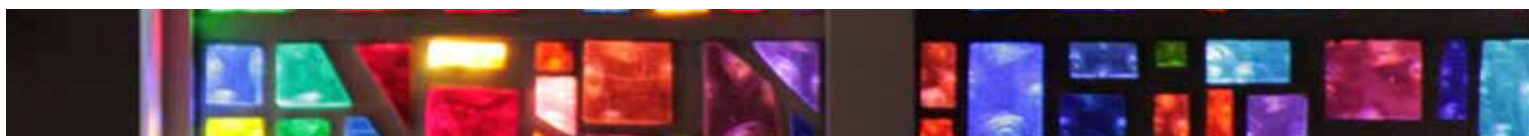


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	<p>GivePlus Text: Text 844-281-2004, with the amount you want to donate, to make one-time or recurring contributions.</p>
	<p>Mobile App Giving: Search your app store for "GivePlus Church" and download the GivePlus app to make one-time or recurring contributions.</p>
	<p>Online Giving: Visit <a href="https://pumcfortmill.org">pumcfortmill.org</a> to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.</p>

Why eGiving? - eGiving is an easy and secure way to make your giving contributions. if you can't attend, you can still make a gift, which provides the church financial stability. Additionally, it also helps the church by reducing workload on the staff and helps you because you can set recurring donations of your giving commitment. For more information, please visit the website, come into the church office or call 803-548-0102.



# STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS TEAM

Another month – another newsletter! This opportunity to continue to keep the congregation abreast of the happenings of our church is such a blessing! The SPRT continues to be very busy as we work to support our church, our congregation and our staff through the upcoming changes and gifts that God has in store for us and our church. Here are a few updates.

The SPRT continues to search for Coordinator of Audio/Video Technology, but we are in the final stages for the Contemporary Worship Leader. We are also looking for a Financial Associate to join our team. You can find these roles posted on the PUMC Social Media platforms as well as Indeed. We appreciate your help spreading the word.

Maggie Justus has expanded her role at PUMC and is the Director of Next Generations and Media Ministries. She is responsible for the oversight of all Youth Ministries for student 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and young adults up to 30 years old. The Director of Next Generations and Social Media is also responsible for the church's communication inside and outside of the church. If you have any questions about how and when to engage with Maggie, from a communications perspective, please contact someone on the SPRT or ask Maggie for clarity. Please join us in congratulating Maggie!

June 6<sup>th</sup> is Pastor Becky's last Sunday in the pulpit; however, Pastor Becky will still be "around" and available for Pastoral emergencies only, for the balance of June. Again, we thank her and Richard for their service to Philadelphia UMC and wish them well in Columbia.

During the transition period of June, we will have a series of guest preachers, as outlined below. Please join us for these opportunities to worship!

- June 13<sup>th</sup> - The Rev. Dr. Anthony Hodge, Rock Hill District Superintendent
- June 20<sup>th</sup> - Philly Youth Group, our youth group lead the entire worship service
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - Ms. Randi Smith, one of our young adults who is pursuing ordination in the SC UMC

Last but certainly not least, we are excited about the pending arrival of Pastor David & Toni Taylor. Their first Sunday is July 4<sup>th</sup>. SAVE THE DATE! JULY 11<sup>th</sup> - Meet and Greet with Pastor David and Toni after Worship Service (specific time for the event to be determined in late June) hosted by United Methodist Men (UMM). The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall and tables will be located outdoors as well. UMM will be providing smoked chicken and barbeque as well as beverages. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish! So Mark your calendars for this opportunity to personally welcome Pastor David and Toni.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued prayers through this very busy time in the life of our church. We appreciate all of you who have taken the time to reach out with your thoughts, concerns, positivity, and prayers!

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE



*but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."  
Matthew 19:14*

*Growing In Love: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we initiated two infants into Christ's holy Church and we pledged to surround these children with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their trust of God.*

*Left: Henry Puckett sisters: Jane and Hattie parents: Dan and Margaret  
Right: Sullivan Schaeffer brothers: Grayson and Ryder parents: Brandon and Tiffany*



# PASTOR BECKY SHIRLEY... UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Thank you Pastor Becky and Richard for your service and leadership to Philadelphia United Methodist Church over the last 6 years. These photos serve but a small reminder of your time and impact on PUMC. We pray you have joy and love at your new church home.



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